HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DROLMBER, 1874, 1869.

the gaol in this Colony a place to be avoid on clearing out foreshore that was made by ty have made desperete, is a sufficient rea- \$15,000 used for ? ishments that should warn off rather than of again bringing forward the question of Needless to say it is quite impossible for us to which it is very desirable should be cleared has to do is to order a sufficient supply, would have put against him £1,000 sterling, and practice, when a new appointment is made, or compete with the Chinese prisons; however up. Incidentally we may say the fact that With reference to the currency generally, would receive as an increase the difference bestern the discipline and frugal the fare in there is no official in the Colony who is able however, especially as regards the issue of tween \$4,800 and the amount in dollars that is every resident in the colony knows perfectly Victoria Gaol, it must still remain a palace to explain fully the principle on which the \$1 notes and the necessity of half-dollar required to produce £1,000 now; the rate to be well it is impossible for a man to live. He comes of delight as compared with the noisome Crown Agents are remunerated seems of pieces, we think His Excellency might rendens of Canton. But there is one terror it itself to indicate some necessity for the pro- der a service to the Colony by ordering a can hold out, which is lacking in Chinese posed change in the audit system. We be-full and complete inquiry, the result of prisons—the separate system. Chinese cri- lieve when the matter has been sifted it will which could be formally placed before the minals are, like others, gregarious, and they be found that the vote of \$3,000 is remunera- Treasury authorities at home. That the hate solitary confinement still worse than tion for doing all such work as no regular hard fare and filthy lodging. At present, commission can be charged on, and that adequate to the growing requirements of of course, there are only a limited number besides this there is a commission of 5 per the Colony there can be no question. of separate cells, but sufficient perhaps for cent. on all goods and materials obtained for the worst criminals, and if a new gaol be the Colony; which does not show in the form built, as has so often been threatened, these of a separate vote, as it is charged on the HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL will be largely increased. Against this progoods themselves and so comes under the ject of a new gaol we have consistently pro- votes for the various departments for which tested for the past twelve years, and its con- the goods are obtained. These commissions on Saturday morning, the 14th inst. There struction has very properly been delayed while all go to a general fund, out of which has more argent works were being carried out been built up a pension fund, as although until now the main objection to a new struc- the three Crown Agents themselves are ture has vanished-its cost. This could Colonial Office officials, all the employes probably almost be met by the sale of the belong only to the Crown Agents' departpresent site and the erection of the gaol ment, which is not in any way a Government on a site in one of the outlying suburbs, say department. It is desirable, however, that at Causeway Bay or West Point. Mean- some official statement on the subject should time se one measure of relief, the female be made, seeing the matter has been mooted prisoners have been domiciled in a separate in the Council. Any reticence or inability building, giving increased accommodation to give the information asked for is sure to for the males. We would now make a aug- engender suspicion. gestion for further relief from congestion namely by the transfer of the debtors to some house. The European debtors, if there are any, might very well be lodged for time in the Lunatic Asylum, which is now if we mistake not, almost empty. This removal of the debiors would give more room for criminals, and it is at the same time imperatively called for on sanitary grounds The conditions under which the debtors are lodged at present are simply scandalous, as they are so crowded that when the beds are put down there is not room, we are inform-

ed, to walk between. This state of affairs is not creditable to the Government, and as it would be a simple matter to bire a house for their detention, it ought not to be continued. Some of these debtors are more the victims of misfortune that of wrongdoing, and most of them are expiating sine of extravagance; hence it is peculiarly hard that they should be exposed to any danger to their health by their detention in confine ment. It is sufficient pumshment for mere ban doubled in the past ten years. The infolly or carelessness that they should lose crease has been steadily continuous with th their liberty for a period; they should not be exposed to a risk of losing health likewise. This is a matter the Visiting Justices should look into and report upon. Why have they been silent on the subject?

### THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS IN HONGKONG.

that the Surveyor General's department can merce and earnestly called for by the public,

partly the result of the now regulations and This building therefore, which neither meets tolerate it as ordinary currency. An ade- in seconding the motion that the report of the hothing new in the list except the appointments dietary in the gool. Formerly Victoria Gaol the requirements for which it was designed, quate supply of dollar notes, whether committee on the question of official salaries be not yet made.

Officed a comfortable retreat to the needy is not water-tight, and does not possess issued by the Government itself or by the did not exactly love super-excellent architectural beauty. The Bink, would therefore meet a very urgent and the Excellence—If no one has snything.

but feeling should not enter into the quest there is another matter as to which further notes or half-dollar pieces, there can be no can be absolutely perfect. Every plan you can in the recommendation sent by His Excellency devise will be more favourable than it ought to to the Secretary of State. It is only proposed. rent measures adopted. The morbid minds to the item of \$15,000 for dradping fore- existing subsidiary coins up to the require- be to some officials and less favourable to I think, to have four new officers in addition to that can entertain compassion for criminals shores. This means an expenditure of ments. They are again at a premium, others. On the other hand, to take every those at present employed in the Department. and deny sympathy to their victims should \$1,250 per month as the working expenses which represents a serious monetary tax on individual case and say what each should get. The CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE be regarded as enemies of society and conof one small Priestman dredger, which, those who have occasion to use large quantiby way of increase would be a very invidious. The advantages that may possibly be given to
duty, and not only invidious but almost imposthe rest of the Service are now given here to
sible. I believe the same difficulty has been the Surveyor-General's department? Government owes to society is to protect ing mothing half its time and cannot cost venience of having to collect them from met with elsewhere, and at Singapore, after The Chairman Practically so, I understand. life and property, and if this involves severity anything like this figure to work. There various quarters instead of being able several devices, they had to adopt the plan The whole thing was arranged before I came to the Ishmaelites who prefer pilfering to must be something wrong here. Were it to obtain all that are wanted direct from of a general rise of salary, as has been sug- out; but these salaries have, I suppose, been fixhonest labour, so much the worse for the not that a similar vote appeared last year it the Treasury. We fully recognise the re- gested here. The scheme of the committee, ed at satisfactory rates. might have been supposed toat a consider- lief that has already been given in this re- as I understand it, is that certain officers The Sunveyor General Yes; the salaries More especially is it necessary to render able portion of the sum was to be expended spect. In 1879 the issue was only \$50,595; who are usually appointed from home, shall be are fixed at rates at which suitable officers can the gaol in this Colony a place to be avoid—on clearing out forcehote that was made by ed rather than a convenient hotel for the throwing the debrie of last summer's storm over \$100,000; in 1884 to nearly \$500,000; in 1887 to nearly \$500,000; in 1887 to nearly \$500,000; in 1887 to nearly \$500,000; case make the amount of dollars they receive —Then presuming this change is not made gratis temporary accommodation of unsuc. into the harbour and should therefore be last year it was over \$900,000; and the is now; that these who are on the Civil List and with respect to the rest of the Service, still it cessful depredators. The near vicinity of a set down to storm damages. As the wages sue for this year up to 23rd October had officers of that kind should be paid, roughly will go to the Surveyor General's. populous Chinese province, swarming with, of the crew appear to amount to less than reached \$948,500. Still, however, the speaking, the amount of dellars required to procriminals whom harsh laws and great pover-\$2,000 a year the question is, what is the amount is far from meeting the required does in sterling what they are put down for in vice does not get justice. I do not see why the son for the maintenance of a system of punded by intimated his intention the market. This is a state of things that receive as nearly as possible the amount in ster- not, I think it is undesirable to go on making the market. This is a state of things that receive as nearly as possible the amount in ster- not, I think it is undesirable to go on making invite a descent on the Colony by this class. the Crown Agents Commission, a point

THE HONGKONG CURRENCY AND BANK NOTE ISSUE.

The returns published monthly in the Government Gazette showing the Bink note circulation of the Colony speak eloquently of the growth of business. The following table gives the figures for last month and for the corresponding month of the previous nine Council wish it, to lay the report on the table

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failure of the old Oriental Bink, which not only withdrew the notes of that Bink (near ly \$1,000,000) from circulation, but caused we come to the policeman who expects to receive the notes of the other Banks to be less fa vourably looked upon by the Chinese. Confidence, however, was soon restored, and the the equivalent at the ourrent rate of exchange, or present note circulation of the Colony equal in amount to about one-fortieth that made in the currency. I have reason to believe of England, Ireland, and Scotland. With that the Commission have recommended that printion Bill for 1890 was read a third time and In the Finance Committee on Monday the our clumey chopped dollar currency, notes the increase of salaries should be based on the passed. vote of \$50,000 for the new Central Market are relatively more necessary here than at dollar increase. Personally I must say I think THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL raised a very interesting discussion as to the home and are consequently more largely used. I should be inclined to favour the former plan, advisability of giving out such work to pri- Still, the fact that this little dot on the justment. Of course it may be argued that this valo firms. The subject may possibly be ocean with its two bundled thousand in is a distinction with very little difference, but anyreferred to again in the Legislative Council habitants abould require a note circulation thing like a suggestion in regard to an increase to-day when the Appropriation Bill is under one fortieth as large as that of the United to salaries is to the Imperial authorities very nesday next at three o'clock, but His Exculconsideration. It is one that certainly re- Kingdom with its thirty-seven millions is like a red rag to a bull. Also their argument LENCY remarked that he was not sure there quires ventilating, for we see no reason why not calculated to diminish the sense of our may be that we do not state our salaries in ster- would be sufficient business to warrant his calling quires ventilating, for we see no reason why that calculated to diminish the sense of our the system which works well at flome should own commercial importance. The convention of the deliars. But they take the equivalent of the deliar at an obsolete rate of exchange, in the ordinary transactions of buying and vate firms seems to have been either misminest the sense of our may be that we do not state our satures in ster would be summered to their use of the deliars. But they take the equivalent of the deliar at an obsolete rate of exchange, in the ordinary transactions of buying and appointment he naturally asks what the pay is, and they say so many thousand, deliars per derstood or fenced by the official members, available credit of the Colony. The Banks' annum, and if he asks them, "what does this The idea is not to ask architects to act as a reserve of specie against the note issue of six represent in pounds P" they tell him to many kind of glorified clerks of works, but to swall and a half millions amounts only to two and pounds sterling, but always calculating the rate of their services in their proper professional a haif millions, leaving four millions which of exchange at 4s. 2d. What does the ordinary capacity. The asiversal custom at home the Banks lend out to borrowers, by and which official at home know about the rate of exnow is to put up the designs for new public they make probably not less than \$200,000 a change? If you were to ask members of the buildings to competition, the designs being year. This is a very nice thing for the Banks, in the price of the dollar during the last few sent in under a nom de plums and adjudicate but it is also a good thing for the trade years the great majority would be mable to tell conclude our consideration of the Public Works ed upon by a Committee. Should we have of the Colony, which would be severely you. People have a hasy idea that silver has de- department on the last occasion, and I have just had such buildings at home as the Houses crippled were that credit of \$4,000,000 with- preciated, and their attention has been called to of Parliament, the Colonial Office, the new drawn. Still, however, we are not satisfied, the matter lately by the agitation on bi-metallism, A very considerable reorganisation of the Public Admiralty Courts, etc., if they had been left We want moreone-dollar notes. Thenecessity but it is not a subject that they know or care Works Department has been in preparation, and to Government efficials to design? We can for those becomes more pressing day by day very much about. As regards the increase of it has been found impossible to lay before you safely say no. Every public building down as the population and the volume of busito the smallest board school is now put up ness increase. The small issue of these that the Commission have very carefully en. lies before you and to vote a lump sum of \$13,646 to competition, and this is the system we notes sanctioned by the late Sir Anthun quired into this matter and that the decision to cover the various new appointments and reshould like to see adopted in this Colony. Kannady when Governor of the Colony they have arrived at will be fully discussed. organizations which will be made. The new ap-

GAOU ACCOMMODATION AND DIS- a gingle, officer in the department who large and increasing volume of business with table young English man who would be only for four officers who are not yet appointed. The others either in name or in fact is an architect a very inadequate currency. We can picture glad to come out to p Colony like this and to in the list are all in the Colony and are being It is estisientory to learn, from the Goasked. An instance of the failure of th vernor sreport on the condition and progress of department in this line is the new Con- coins between the sovereign and the skilling. the Colony, that the criminal statistics point trail School. The cost has been \$250,000. Yet this is approximately the position in the plete. It is on that account that we are not to a decrease in crima during the past two for which figure was will undertake to say Hongkong. We have the \$5 note, which strongly in favour of increasing the salaries of formal way because the mean will be changed Venra. The number of prisoners in Victoria that any of the local architects could easily for the purposes of the may Europeans, as I think they have been very bad- about so much. The total costs of the Depart-Gaol, which was 4,600 in 1886, fell to 4,808 get two such buildings erected, and we are take as equivalent to the sovereign—(would by used during the past few years, and I hope ment as reorganised will be \$91,924 or taking in 1887 and 3,627 in 1888, a similar pro- now told that a further considerable sum it were so in fact he and then we come to that with the full support of the quofficial mem- off the Civil List, \$84,684. That means an inportionate decline being also apparent to will be required to maker the roof water- the 20-cent piece, which occupies the place the daily average, the total decrease in both tight. Included in the cost should also be here that the skilling does in England. Becases being over 20 per cent. This may not the sum of \$250,000 which was lost to the tween these two we bave only the silver be solely due to more exemplary discipline Colony by pulling down the old houses on dollar, defaced by chopping and so unreliable—that the increase will come out of local funds list of efficers here. Are many of these already and punishment in prison, but there is no the lot something like eleven years before us regards uniformity of value that it is and not Imperial funds. doubt, as His Excellency auggests, that it is the first stone of the new school was laid. surprising a civilized Government should Hon, C. P. Chires I have much pleasure like Surveyor Grance There

confinement he did not mind it with the colony over \$500,000, besides the seriously felt want. Next to the dollar note to say against it I am quite willing to mates submitted at last meeting. counterbalancing advantages obtained of large sum paid for the ground. Is the we want a half-dollar token. When the pro- agreeto the request made in the motion. I do The Colonian Treasures—With the saleexcellent lodging, plentiful food, and me- colony to suffer the same kind of thing at possi to issue such a coin, was submitted to not think it is necessary to answer the hon, mem- rieng at dical assistance when required. The gall the hands of officialdom over the Central the Chamber of Committee the state at phasent; the base at phasent; the b could receipente while hatching new plots were pulled down, and drawings for the new are pulled down, and drawings for the new cause they were unable to do so. Certainly include everything in the reorganised scheme.

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ought not to be allowed to exist. The remedy bere is simple; all the Government say is this suppose an officer now gets \$4,800, he again and again—not publicly perhaps—the

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held

were present:--His Excellency The Governor, Sir C. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G. Hon. A. LISTEE, Acting Colonial Secretary, Hon. A. J. LEACH, Acting Attorney-General. Hon. H. E. WODEHOUSE, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Treasurer,

Hon. S. BROWN, Surveyor-General. Hon. W. M. DEANE, Captain Superintendent f Police.

Hon. N. G. MITCHELL INNES, Acting Re-Hon. P. RYRIE. Hon! Wong Shing.

Hon, C. P. CHATER. Hon. A. P. MACEWEN. Hon. J. J. KESWICK. Mr. A. SETH. Clerk of Councils.

THE INCREASE OF OFFICIAL SALARIES.

His Excellency-The first business the Orders of the Day is a motion by Mr. Mac-Ewen-"That the report of the Committee on the question of official salaries be laid on the I may say I am quite prepared, if the I dare say, however, the hon, member has some remarks to make connected with it. Hon. A. P. MACEWEN-Well, sir, I was go

ing to move that the report he laid on the table As you are aware I was not appointed to the Commission, and perhaps it may be desirable that I should briefly state what my views on the alaries Doubtless very great hardship has existed lately amongst European officials in this Colony owing to the great depreciation that has taken place in the value of the dollar and duced the vote was that the Colonial Secretary pure forgetfulness. I thought I had a general traditional in the service that certain salaries are attached to certain posts, that is to say, that if at \$20,000. exception of a break in 1884, caused by the a Governor comes here be expects the government of a first-class colony at a salary of £5,000 per annum, and so on down to the lowest, until a salary of £100 per annum or its equivalent. It has been onstomary in mercantile houses failing that an increase to the salary has been

Whenever a new public building of any kind proved an enormous convenience, but that Personally I am rather inclined to think that pointments are specified in a printed list, but it is trequired, such as a Central Market, a was sixteen or sevenceen years ago. The re- Portuguese and Chinese in the Government is not proposed to embody them in the estimates. Central School, or a ball-room for Governquirements have increased many times over service here are well paid. Of course there may list the wish of the Committee to have the list being competition. It is not to be supposed has bee undvocated by the Chamber of Com. tion should be given, but the necessity for an Hon. A. P. Mackwen—Certainly. all round increase I do not think has been made

bors and the sympathy and approval of the oreased expenditure of \$13,646 as compared with public generally our efforts to obtain an increase what is put down in the Estimates for 1890 as for them will be erowned with success. An they have been placed before you

down to a regimen that will sustain the out posed, to an intention to erect the market commutes purposed. This is just and on the reclamation instead of the old site. institute will become as necessary here as have blosed at those in the position; this \$13.646 include the new salaries P right. If a man will not work neither The reclamation would, indeed be too small, the half-crown or two-shilling piece in Eng. of clorks—is the only practicable one, and it is The Charkman—It includes new salaries and should be eat—at the expense of the worker. measuring only 160 feet by 150 feet. The land. That the Chamber of Commerce and practicable to do much without going to that re-adjustments of the old. There are some ad-If he design to riot on the fat of the land two lots together will not be one lots too should assume an obstructive tole in the extent. However, I may tell you that it is a mat! ditional Chinese, \$13,646 represents the total from the proceeds of plunder, still less is he large for the requirements of a Central matter is—we were going to say surprising, ter that has caused me a vest amount of con- difference in cost; entitled to comfort in detention. He should Market for this city, and the design of the but while the Committee continues to decide sideration. I have devised scheme after scheme, The Acting Registrar-General-It rebe allowed to exist in gaol, but more than building should be drawn with the idea of important questions off-hand in secret con- all of which have when brought to the test of presents over a dozen new officers, I suppose him. Sentimentalists may cry out against this mation is finished.

The Surveyor Generally not a dozen now cided upon by the considered supplied to the rectangle of the surveyor of the survey Whilst on the subject of Public Works, But if we are not allowed to have dollar it all in all. the best I have seen. No plan say how many there are. They are all included

but roughly speaking, if he accepts my scheme would have to have his salary re-arranged. at all I daresay he will accept this. Of course at the present rate of exchange the addition to the salaries of those who are not appointed from England-I think it is 20 per cent -would be would perhaps goin nothing at all; therefore it is a question whether those who receive a permanent increase do not really gain more

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1890. The Council went into committee on the Ap- rangement was made in 1826, and it is this-We propriation Bill, 1890, which was reported the Finance Committee with amendments. His Excellency asked to what extent the vote for the defences had been reduced, The Acting Colonial Secretary said the vote had been reduced by \$10,000.

than the others. Ou the whole I think the

is possible to arrive at.

gone into, but I have a report which shows that, do go out of one's mind. It is very difficult to taking the amount at which the dollar was rated be a walking encyclopædia in every detail of goat the time the various amounts were paid—tak- vernment. In considering the Estimates every ing the value in sterling-we have at this mo- detail in the whole service from the smallest to ment paid something more than £7,000 less than the greatest is liable to raise a question, and one the £116,000; and of course £7,000 at the pre- has not the advantage of notice. I mention sent moment would be more than \$30,000. It this because an idea seems to have got about does not much matter until the \$20,000 is ex- | that there was some sort of secreey in the matpended, but I will have the figures looked into. only £3,000, and we roughly estimated £3,000 circular I found my memory had misled me.

another view of the case. I won't say where it comes from, but it certainly is plausible on its side. I only received it this morning, and I think it will probably be found correct Hon. P. Ryrie-We can guess where it comes from. His Excellency-Your guess may

The Council then resumed, and the Appro-

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE A meeting of the Finance Committee was

held on Saturday morning, before the Council met, to finally settle the estimates. The Acting Colonial Secretary presided. THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

successfully carry out, works of this nature the Tressury authorities have remained ob. with reference to that and that is, that there is an item-" New appointments not yet made, neeing that, as we are informed, there is not durate, and the Colony has to condust its are at home thousands of well-educated respect \$12,182." That is to provide for the salaries of

His Excellency If no one has snything ! The CHATEMAN They were on the cuti-

ling which would be the amount they have now appointments with salaries attached to them on in dollars at the rate of 4s. 2d. What I mean to which men cannot live. I have condemned altered every year according to exchange. Of out here and he is left to make that unpleasan course that cannot be applied universally, be- discovery from his own experience; so it seems to case there are cases in which salaries have been me that when we are reorganising a departraised beforehand on account of this very fall in ment, it is well to avoid that mistake. Whatthe dollar; therefore to give them exactly the same ever the case may be with other persons it coradvantage would be proportionately unfair. A tainly would be foolish to plan a complete recertain amount of discrimination I expect will be organisation of a department and so fix the adopted by the Secretary of State in such cases, salaries that in two or three years every officer

The vote was then passed. -THE LOAN AND THE OROWN AGENTS. The CHAIRMAN—Before we pass to the Leless than the amount of gain obtained by those gislative Council there are two matters that I in the second paragraph of the report, the anwho will have their salaries on a sterling basis wish yet to refer to. The first is with reference swers being those supplied by Mr. J. in future, but on the other hand, theirs will to the loan. I find, what I knew at one time, be a permanent increase, whereas the officers but had forgotten, that nothing has been paid paid in sterling, if the dollar were to rise in value, off at present, nor is the loan at all to be paid off until 1907, when it will all be paid off at the same time. There are no drawings in connection with the lean. We are paying 7 per cent, on it Four per cent: goes as interest to the bondhold. Committee has arrived at as fair a solution as it ers, and three per cent, is invested at compound interest to pay off the loan in London in 1907 when it will all be paid off together. The other point is regarding the Crown Agents. The ar-

by pay the Crown Agents a lump sum annually of £200; on loan business we pay them I per cent. commission, and on all other business—the buying of goods and so on-we pay them 1 ner | Beef, lb., ........... 10 cent. The only other source of income to the Bread, lb., ...... Crown Agents' Office-I am reading from the Butter, lb., ....... His Excellency-As I understand, the Es- circular-will be the charge on overdrawn ac- Ducks. lb., timates were reduced in a particular which does counts, which will in future be the bank rate with Eggs, doz, ...... not appear in this Bill. With reference to that a minimum of 3 per cent. instead of the uniform Fowls, 1b., subject, I have a report which will eventually be rate of 5 per cent., and interest on investments. Mutton, 15........ laid before the Council to be considered. This There has been no wish to be secret in this matreport shows that, at the present moment, out of iter. The only thing is that I had forgotten it. Sugar, 1b., he £116.000 voted there remains a sum of It is three years since this came under my notice. Tea, lb., £7,000 anspent, so that the whole of the \$30,000 I then went into it and recommended it should Rice, lb., might have been voted and we should yet have be accepted and it was accepted and has gone Coffee, Ib., ....... been within the mark. I shall have the figures on smoothly. In that length of time the details | Oil, Lamp, lb., ...

ter. There is no desire on the part of the Go-Hon. C. P. CHATER-The reason why we re- vernment to be secret, and as for myself it was the high cost of living caused thereby. It is pointed out that the amount outstanding was idea of the thing, but when I came to look at the The report recommending the Appropriation His Excertscy-Well, what I have now got Bill with amendments was then passed

THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF OF. FICIAL SALARIES.

The following Report of the Commission appointed by His Excellency Governor Sir G. William Des Voux, K. C. M. G., to consider the question of an increase to the Salaries of Public positions to be maintained. Officers, was laid on the table of the Legislative Council on the 14th inst.:--

· Council Chamber, Hongkong, 13th December, 1889. At a meeting of the Legislative Council

tholate Dr. Stewart, and the Unofficial Members of Council a Commission to enquire into and report on the subject of a general increase to the Salaries of the Members of the Civil Service on account of the decrease in the purchasing power of the dollar. On the 15th November His Excellency appointed the Acting Chief Justice to act on the Commission in place of the late Dr.

2. The Commission met on the 1st of May, and decided to issue a Circular to all Officers in the Service, requesting them to furnish particulars under the following headings:lst. Salary and Emoluments, 7 %

2nd. Rent. Srd. Bervante' wages, 4th, Price of principal articles of consumption. 5th. Other items of expendi-3. On the 24th of June the Commission re-

assembled to consider the reports received. The information obtained will be found in Appendix I.

elusions were unanimously arrrived at :--(a.) As regards Cost of Living generally, the (c.) to be able to insure their lives, and within the last ten years, it has increased 20 per cent for Europeans and 10 per cent for Chinese. Clothing alone is perhaps cheaper than it was in former years, but that is the In the case of resident Members of the Service-

(b.) In the matter of Rent; the Commission find that it has increased from 100 to 150 per cent for European houses, and 100 per cent, for Chinese houses: Instances known to Members personally were quoted and discussed. One member montioned a property known to him. which in 1871, was worth \$139,000, and is now

worth \$350,000 in consequence of the rise in rent Another member mentioned the case of his own offices, for which, in 1884; he paid justances were quoted of shops, which, a few years ago, fetohed from \$30 to \$40 a month. and were now bringing in from \$60 to \$70 a month. In the case of Chinese employés rooms which could be had, a few years ago, for \$4 a month, could not be obtained now for less than \$8 or \$9 a month.

o.) In Servant's wages there has been rise of from 10 to 15 per cent, owing principally to the rise in the price of food Fish, vegetables and oil have greatly increased in cost, and so have firewood and charcoal. (d.) Imported articles have increased in price. and the rise has been generally speaking, in proportion to the fall in exchange.

6.-On the 20th November the Commission met for the purpose of considering to what extent the salaries of Members of the Civil Service should be raised.

.- 7.-The Commission having reviewed all the circumstances of the case recommend generally (a.) That the salaries of officers selected in Eng- much more public men in the East than they

land, or holding positions which are usually are in the majority of cases in England) find filled up by officers so selected, having origin- themselves called up to incur. ally been fixed on a sterling basis when the dollar was worth 4/2d, should be raised to an amount in current dollars equivalent to their original sterling value. The privilege enjoyed by a few of the officers of this class of remitting at the par of exchange should be withdrawn, and all such officers put on equal foot-

purpose of paying such salari s be based on preceding, such value to be fixed by the Le-Such a system would, the Commission is informed, be similar in result to the practice which obtains in, the Army and in the Con-

c.) That the salaries of other officers who have and who as a class may be deemed to be do-

labour market no alteration should be made, ing salaries is printed as Appendix II. and a report by the Hon. C. P. Chater on the increased value of house property as Appendix III ....

F. CLARKE, Acting Chief Justice. P. RYRIE. Wong Shing. C. P. CHATER. J. J. Keswi k.

B. LATTON. Appendix I. contains a specimen of the returns given in answer to the circular mentioned

Silve, 1st Clerk, Audit Office. Mr. Silva gives the wages of each of his sorvants in 1874, 1879, 1884 and 1889 as follows :--1874, ...... Boy, \$5; Cook, \$6; Coolie, \$5. .Same. Bog, \$6; Cook, \$7; Coolie, \$6. Boy. \$8; Cook. \$8; Coolie. \$6. In answer to the question, " How much had you to pay for the principal articles of consumn ion in the same years?" he gives the following

table, the figures in which he says are taken from contracts for supplying Hospitals, &c. :-1874 1879, 1884, 1889 - cents, cents, cents, cents.

APPENDIX II.

Sir,-The Committee of the Civil Service, N J. Mitchell-Innes, Dr. Ayres, Dr. Eitel, A. K Travers, Esq., A. Seth, Esq., J. M. da Silva, Esq. which was elected to represent the views of the Members on the subject of the inadequacy of the salaries at present drawn, have now the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before His Excellency the Governor, the view taken by them of the question under consideration. doing so they desire to tender their warm thanks to His Excellency for having taken up the sub ject with so much energy.

2.—The Committee do not propose to particularise the various items which have been specially affected by the fall in the purchasing power of the dollar, that part of the question having been, doubtless, already dealt with by the Commit tee appointed for the purpose, but desire simply to call attention to the fact that the salaries at present drawn are, in the vast majority of cases, insufficient in view of the work done and the

prosperity of the Colony, the salaries attaching of moderate means. thereto should fall to such an extent as either to o endeavour to make their incomes suffice for lies. The following table will show the increase in the Revenue and Eastablishments of the Colony referred to :--

**\$964,093 ..... \$1,171,098**. \$1,737,318 ESTABLISHMENTS. \$501,602 \$595,319:2 **\$**557,116 MARGIN OF REVENUE OVER ELPENDITURE ON

BTABLISHMENTS. 4.-Officers who have been selected in England for special expanities, who have passed severe examinations there, or who have by long and meritorious service attained to positions of importance in the Service of the Colony, may reasonably expect-

(a) to live in comfort (while forced to reside in a hot and enervating climate from which their health must inevitably suffer.) (6) to be able to take advantage of their leave when due (i.e. to defray the cost of their pas-

(a) when 30 years of age to marry, and 5. After due consideration the following con- (d.) to be in a position to send their children to England and maintain them there. Commission are unanimously of opinion that, (f.) to save sufficient to enable them on retire. fulfil his part of the contract. We hear he did

(b.) does not apply with such force, nor does

be insufficient

(d.) so for a sonding children to England is concerned, otherwise the case of residents is much the same as that of those appointed from home.

In the case of the Officers first mentioned (i.e., those appointed from home to fill the higher-Offices in Crown Colonies) we do not think we over estimate the reasonable expanditure of a married Officer if we state it as follows:--

\$100-£15 4 2 firing, lighting, &c. (\$15) 5100-£ 5 4 3 \$ 35—£ 5 6 5\} 2211 circa (half-pay while in Fingland). .....

-Two children in England \$75 each circa passages (once in 6 Years) 2200 circa..... -Doctors' fees, medicine, local subscriptions, ordinary extra ex-..... \$ 60-4 9 2 6 \$575-£87 6 114

of exchange the decreased purchasing power amount in a case similar to that given above to of the dollar is severely felt. An education about \$200 a month. A sum between \$200 and equal to that obtainable at home is not at pre- | \$500 per month would fairly represent the exsent to be obtained here, and, moreover, on penditure which might be reasonably incurred grounds of health alone, the children of by resident Officers holding the higher clerical European parents have to be sent away at the appointments, and by those non-resident who, though not Headsof Departments, hold positions of responsibility. The salaries of junior un-

married Officers would, naturally, be in the proportion of 2.5 to 3-5 of those of their Seniors. 7.-Unless these estimates are to be regarded as utterly unreasonable, a reference to the table of salaries at present paid will show how small a proportion they bear to the expenditure which their recipients (who it must be remembered are

8.—It may be urged that, so long as young men are to be found willing to enter the service at the present rate of pay, and to remain there. the rate must be sufficient, but we would submit that young men are always ready to accept any offer which appears at first glance promising. and that after spending 5 or 6 years in the Service, it is very difficult if not impossible for (b.) That the value of the dollar should for the them to adopt any other profession, however dissatisfied-they-may be with their remuneration. the average rate for the twelve months next That dissatisfaction among the members of the Service is most undesirable is an opinion of gislative Council in the Annual Estimates. His Excellency to which he has, on more than one occasion, given expression.

9.—I attach a list of the salaries paid to a numher of the Officers in 1860 and now, from which it will be seen that, while both the population and the revenue have more than doubled during suffered from the depreciation of the dollar that period, in only 7 out of 39 cases has the pay of those Officers as estimated in dollars been miniled in the East should be increased by 20 increased, while, in all but two instances, there has been a decrease (amounting in 32 cases to (d.) That with regard to officers such as labour over 25 per cent.) in the pay as estimated in ers, coolies, and messengers whose wages have sterling, in which it must be remembered much from time to time fluctuated with the local of the expenditure has to be met Appointments made more recently have not been so in-8.-The report of a Committee of Civil Ser. juriously affected, though, as will be seen, the vants on the subject of the inadequacy of exist- unfortunate fall in the dollar has left none un-

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient

N. G. MITCHELL-INNES. for the Committee. Hou. F. Stewart, LL.D., Colonial Secretary. Sto., Sto., Stc.

\$==1/2. \$==3/0\;\ \$==1/2. \$==3/0\;\ Name of Office. Pay per Pay per Pay per Pay per annum annum annum annum Dollars. Dollars. Sterling. Sterling. mander in Chief 24,000 olonial Secretary -1.500, 1.095Puisno Judgo Attorney General 4.8004.80D -1.000 - 730Colonial Tronsurer Auditor General. Survoyor General. Police Magistrates Postmaster General. 3.840 Registrar of Supreme Court ... Colonial Chaplain Colonial Surgeon. 3.840bHarbour Master., 700 Registrar General 5,010 700 766A0.0 Clerk of Connoils, Private Secretary 1.920292C.S.O. Chief Clark 1,920. Troasury, lat Clerk 1.920Audit Clerk..... Public Works De-"partment, -.1,440 300  $200 \cdot$ ost Office, Assust ant Postmuster General 1.440 Post Office, Clerk Japreme Court.-Clerk of Court. Judge's Clork .... 044.1Harbour Office.— First Clerk .....

Registrar General's First Clark a The office of Puisne Judge was established 1873 when the salary was fixed at \$3,100. -- b And Private Practice.—c Including Anditorship.—d Merged in another office. - s Merged in Colonial Secretaryship. -f No Private Practice. APPENDIX III.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1889. Sir,—As promised to the late Colonial Secretary, and for the information of the Committee appointed to report on the question of the pro posed increase in the Salaries of the Civil Servants of this Colony, I have now the honour to 3. It can hardly be considered desirable that bring before your notice the following particulars with the increase in the work and importance of shewing the increase of the rentals of the the various offices, consequent upon the growing houses of the type most frequented by Europeans

Houses at Richmond Terrace, Mosque Terrace, prevent marriage, or to drive Officers to seek Seymour Terrace, The Albany, and Robinson held on the 26th April last. His Excellency the more remunerative employment outside of the Ci-Governor appointed the Colonial Secretary, the vil Service, or by gambling in the share market. Road, which were let a few years ago for \$480 a year, now realise \$600 and \$720, and those the maintenance of themselves and their fami- be rented for less than \$1,200 a year. And speaking generally, rentals for all classes of dwelling houses under \$1,200 a year have increased at about the same rate.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedien C. P. CHATER,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

WAITING TILL THE OLOUDS ROLLED BY."

NOT BY THE AUTHOR OF "JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, MOTHER, One evening, that of the accoud day of the late ever memorable contest between Hongkong and Shanghai, a trio vowed to give to the world their impressions of the trip up, of the match

itself, and of the sojourn in Shanghai. How two of the trio acquitted themselves of the task is a matter of history and of opinion, and Littledid they think that they were dealing with a traitor who would leave them in the larch and refuse to ment to live in a certain degree of comfort, put pen to paper, but suppose he was using a for which their pensions would in themselves, stylograph which, true to its nature, broke down. Rage and impecunionity avidently deterred him from further efforts. This treachery must be the excuse for the lateness of this production,

and the importance of the spheot, the detre of this Latter Day Parphiet. The passage up the river, the making fast alongside a ment, the members of the team were drafted off Dennys (Secretary) to their several hosts: how the Hon. Bec. managed to avoid putting round men in square which has been before the public for some days mitting the creed and catechism to memory, so

more of the weather stricken team. It is certain that at times the raid on the billiard rooms inconvenienced the members, to whom we now apologize: the bar, however, was never hampered, as the visits there, if frequent, were brief: in fact the popularity of the bar-in whichever way you take the phrase—is so great at Shang- | be passed. hai that any unseemly conduct in its presence would have been resented. The library was an unfailing source of interest. The team showed adjourned. a penchant for the light literature of a tongua not its own or for realistic translations of tha masterpiece of a bygone era of oriental culture and civilization. The harculean labours of Sir -Richard never found more diligent students or enthusiastic admirers: his minute descriptions of the shipwrecks of Sindbad or of the amoura of the professional beauties of the gorgeous East never before afforded so much food for reflection. Outside the Club the attractions were also numerous. The training of ponies out on the sportsmanlike, the indignant mafoos told them nity in those countries. every pony was a griffin and anonymous. The added, the scientific exhibition of bowling in can be usefully exerted. anything at this game, it should have considerably | to become members. heiped one member of the team who used to

eye." Further down the Nanking Road were laithfully, the Racquet Court and the Country Club, both of which had been kindly opened to the visitors, shown them. Some of the team learned to play racquets on their visit without either disfiguring thomselves or maining the markers, though we heard some one say that he wouldn't have been amongst the spectators for anything. The unique institution in Shanghai is the Country Club where the ladies of the place who are fortunate in being the better balves of others are initiated into the mysteries and luxuries of Club life and devote their leisure to playing a hazardous game on green baize and a faultless one on the sward. The Regatta next to the Cricket Match was occupying the attention of every one and it is but due to the Regatta Committee to record the courtesy which led them to nostpone the races for a day in hopes that the weather would clear and allow the washed-out elevens to compete just outside the Defence Creek. A capital luncheon was provided for the rival teams at which it was agreed to row an exhibition race in the safest and broadest boats procurable. After many protests about lack of condition were with the bottom of the boat and the chart | localities, as conducted by himself and his of these is not yet ready: when we were not colleagues. encountering the right bank, we were danger- | We do not think the materials, compiled in

harangue, an ejaculatory protest against hurtling | personal conduct and the clerical or educational pumeloes, and a rellicking ward room ballad methods of the Missionaries. We also observe "which was not so bad for Heugh-ugh-ugh-ugh- Missionaries arguing in their reports to Goverugh." Of the three dozen other addresses delivered more about the location of chapels and schools some may be handed down in a future volume of as well as about the time and price of hunting "Gleanings," but where the majority were re- licences to be issued at the responsibility of the solvable into an exchange of vows of everlasting Missionaries, or the price of skins to be purchasgood fellowship, it would be invidious to make ed from the hunters. The Missionary churches a selection. Pickles with brandy and sods, and their native elders appear to have been recommonly constituted the same morning's break galarly organized on the Presbyterian principle. fast after the self-surrender of the earlier hours. having officially appointed Bynods and con-To the director of the Klangman Atsenal and sistories, with judicial and executive powers, his colleague several of the team owe their best and in one case we find such a Consistory in of manufacture. To the members of the com- handing him over to the civil power to be their commiserations. To the community at like modern Protestant Missions, in the wake or

THE HONGKONG CITY HALL. The annual meeting of shareholders in and stretch of wharves, the tumbling into broughous subscribers to the City Hall was hald in the Lit. and the rattling along streets to a plish plack brary of the Hell on the 11th inst. There were money of the Government whetever he went. sound of rain above and mud beneath early im- present. Hou J.J. Keswick (Chairman), Hou. It goes without saying that the will Chinaman. pressed as with the homeliness of Shangbai, A. P. MacEwes, Messes, W. H. Forbes, E. A. From the Club, which is the focus of the Settle- Solomon, H. N. Mody (Committee), and H. L.

holes is a mystery, for it is certain that many of may. I think, be taken as read, and it will. I that every one of them could not only reheares our retundities could not have fitted into a rec. hope be considered as on the whole satisfactory without hesitating scourately the chiefe Heads langular compass and many of our angularities There is nothing to which I need specially in- or Principles of true Religion, but also were could not have accommodated themselves to a vite your attention as regards the items of ex- able to answer wisely and solidly to most Quescircular environment. If you asked a follow penditure in the accounts, which may be re- tions about Religion that one would propound or how he was off, the invariable answer was "My garded as a fair indication of what we will be put forth to them" (Vol. I. p. 35). But it is host is a clipping good sort: I only hope you liable for annually. As regards revenue, unfor rather shocking, in the light of after evenue, are as well placed." There was a universal tunately it falls short of expenditure, although when these good Christians turned round against feeling of pity for the team that had come so far the receipts show some improvement of late their teachers and made common cause with to meet the second delage invoked by a Censor | years. We are far, however, from being in a Koxinga in hunting them to death and even toras a retribution on Shanghai for all its pecca- position to do without public subscriptions, turing them, to read of these native converts dilloes. All this rain only served, however, to test or to pay interest upon the shareholders that many of them are so able, in such fervencie the resources of the community, which stood well | money, We have a sum of \$5,122,54 at ore of spirit; to poure out their prayers before God the strain to which it was subjected. The Club dit on 80th of June, but we are obliged to Morning and Evening, and before and after takwas the great bunting ground during the day. keep a sum in hand to meet any extraordinary ing of Meat and in other Necessities, and that From morning till evening the bar, or billiard expenditure for typhoons and other casualities. with such comeliness and fitness of speech and room, the library or reading room held one or The Library and Museum continue to be appred with such moderation and decencie of gesture, ciated by Chinese and Europeaus, and the Committee have, as in former years, placed the St. hold them " (Vol. 1, p 36). Andrew's Hall and the Music Room at the disposal of religious and charitable societies. moved that the report and statement of accounts most glaring success outwardly and numerically,

Mr. W. H. FORBES seconded. The motion was carried and the meetin

THE CHINA ABSOCIATION. The following letter has been received by the spiritually minded, and earnesly sowing the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, and has been seeds of divine truth, it is still unaccount handed to us by the Secretary for publication: - able, that when the storm came and the whole China Association.

122, Leadenhall Street, E.C., 31st October, 1889. DEAR SIR,-You are no doubt aware that an | that they had imbibed the spirit of the Master Association has been formed in London for the whose name they had professed and verifying walking exercise which ended in their ensconcing purpose of promoting intercourse between gen. the old adage that the blood of the martys is themselves behind a cotton plant to watch the tlemen connected with China, Hougkong, and the seed of the church. As a matter of history, gallops of Zephyr and Eureka: when they were Japan, and of representing and giving effect to all Christian life and truth without any exdiscovered and came out looking not quite the opinions of the British Mercantile commu- ception seems to have been suddenly extin-

bowling alley at Hongkong is as poor beside which I have the pleasure to enclose, you will suddenly put out by the wind. This is still to that at Shanghai as are the opium divaus of the perceive that a strong Committee embracing re- us a puzzle, insufficiently accounted for by the Colony besides those of the Model Settlement, presentatives of these several communities has facts stated. About the first evening we were all bidden to been formed and I am desired to assure you of As to the personal character and devotedness the Nanking Road and made to bowl: there was the willingness of the Association to co-operate of the Dutch Missionaries, their letters, their no withstanding the solicitations of Aubert or with your Chamber in furthering the objects set officially reported conduct, their heroic be the temptations of free drinks, and, let it be forth, whenever it seems likely that its influence haviour when in the captivity of Koxings or

out of it here at least, so much so that after our less commensurate with the extent of member- were men of the very highest spiritual mindedness. champions had shown their form, a match was ship, I would ask you to bring the existence and That one of them bargained with the Governorpromptly suggested between two fours from objects of the Association to the knowledge of General for an increase of salary before he would each cricketing team. If deliberation counts for your Chamber with a view to induce gontlemen return to his post, after an absence on furlough,

Membership is necessarily confined to British worth several thousands of pounds sterling shoose a small ball, which he bowled slowly down subjects for the reason that, if it became neces- which the natives, on his parting from them, the alley and followed with his eyeglass to watch sary to address the Foreign Office, the latter pressed upon his acceptance, does not contradict the disappointingly small amount of havor which would naturally decline to recognise other than the amply proved fact that the majority of the it worked. Whilst this was being enacted on an exclusively British Association. But as the Missionaries were thoroughly single minded and one alley, stentorian cries of "stand by for interests of all nationalities in the Far East are hard working evangelists. The fact that many Chinner" came from the adjoining alley: but nearly similar, this will scarcely diminish its re- of the Missionaries married native women must Chinner usually managed to "do them in the presentative character.-I am, Dear Sir, Yours have tended rather to give stability and solidity

(Signed) W. KESWICK. who thoroughly appreciated the consideration The Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Hong-

REVIEW.

An Account of Missionary Success in the island of Formosa, published in London in 1650 and now reprinted with copious appendices. By Rev. W. CAMPBELL, F.R.G.S., English Pres-London, Trübner & Co. 1889.

quartette up to a wrinkle or two. Shanghai got swas baed on foundations more lasting than the is really founded on a rock or on the shifting the better of a rough and ready start, and kept | work of the Dutch Missionaries of 1750, A.D. sands of temporary prestige and influence. their advantage till not far from home, when But the problem could only be stated before; Bramwell's steady pull began to tell, and in the means of solving it were not given. Mr. response to the crab-catching prevalent in the Campbell, in the work under review now boldly Shanghai boat Hongkong spurted, forged ahead, comes forward and places what materials he has and brought up handsome winners. Having collected before the public, exhibiting, as he does heard of the curves and shoals in the Creek, a here in the two volumes before us, side by side pair of us, when the Regatta was over and the a picture of Dutch Presbyterian propaganda in water deserted, chartered the lively "Polly" to Formesa from A.D. 1624 to 1662 and of modern spy out the land. The only soundings taken | Luglish Presbyterian mission work in the same

ously near the left one, and if by any chance we | the handsomely furnished and neatly edited did steer between Soylla and Charybdis we gene- | volumes under review, are sufficient to enable rally had to rest on our oars, not to stop our us either to come to a definite and conclusive ears to the chant of luring sirens, but to protect apprehension of the precise cause of the signal the organ of smell from the mephitic effluvia of | want of stability which characterized the Dutch passing craft. The navigation of the Creek is | missions of the seventeenth century or to wardangerous without a "coz," a nose clinch, and a | rant the conviction which Mr. Campbell would respirator. Free use was made of the traps, gigs | seem to be animated with, viz., that modern and broughams placed at our disposal. The English missionaries in Formosa are, unlike majority modestly and genteelly handed the their Dutch confrères of two hundred years ago. reins to the native Jehu: those who chose to run building their house on a rock, safe from the their own show met with varying success: to sudden and utter collapse of the Dutch structure some we would explain that a China pony is not | which, being built on sand, came down with a a tractable creature and that the rule of the road | crash when Koxinga knocked against its walls in Shanghai is the same as that generally in and great was the fall of it. The details vogue. Of private and public evening enter- concerning the organization, methods of work, teinments there was no end; chief amongst character of personnel, and results of the the former was the festive dance with which two Missions here furnished afford very a leading citizen and a member of the Mu- interesting reading, but are very scanty in picipal Council celebrated his bouse warming: the case of the Dutch mission. Moreover, in the "all that beauty, all that wealth could give" case of the English mission, they are open to was there to enhance the enjoyment which the same objection to which most modern culminated in a vivid representation of the missionary accounts give rise more or less, vis bumorous farce, "The Bull in the China that the missionaries report on their own work Shop." A more facile pen has already done and that thus the picture of results they exhibit ample justice to the magnificent dinner at which either is, or may be supposed to be, tinted couthe Shanghai Cricket Club fêted their guests. leur de rose. All we can de with such imperient The decorations, excepting perhaps the symbols of | and ex parts evidence of Missionary, success on effeminate lawn tennis, were felicitously appro- failure is, to state the prima facie impression prists: the speeches of the jovial President which the stalements here furnished make upon went straight to the point: the ovation which us and to venture on an opinion, assuming the greated the rising of Coxon nearly left us correctness of the evidence we have so far rooffess and certainly went to the hearts of the as it goes, and leaving it to the gentle reader men from Athens: the post prandial concert to take our opinion for what it may be worth was " quite English you know " and so far as As to the Dutch Mission in Formosa, which Shanghai contributed quite classical, Hongkong was at work there from 1624 to 1662 A.D., the coming in with a spirited hunting song and a editor gives no connected account of the way bilious love ditty. A popular and promiscoous it was started and conducted but from sundry sing song ensued, which was attended by those | details we have noticed here and there, in th who wanted a rest before leaving or had not documents reprinted and translated from th previously been up to concert pitch. Of equal | Dutch originals, it seems pretty clear that this brilliancy was the hospitality practiced by the Dutch Mission was not only Erestian, in being "Victorias," a stalwart body of firemen to whom | underdirect Government control, but through this the least spark was an ignis futuus and on connection with the civil power inextricably mixed whom an aquae et ignie interdictio had never up with the commercial operations of the Dutch been pronounced; originally, if we are correctly [Colonial Government, The Dutch Missionaries in informed, a band of house breakers, they have Formosa, though individually, in some cases at advanced with the times and now boast of a hose least, they seem to have been as spiritually mind-and fire engine. Cheetham as chairman kept a ed and as sealous as their modern English contaut rein over an excitable assembly. A good freres, were appointed by the Governor General deal of the speech making was above the average: at Satavia, dispatched by him in heavily armed Hongkong and Shanghai had got to know each vessels to Formosa, placed there at the disposal other, with the result that a very free and easy of the Governors of the respective districts, paid feeling prevailed, the only defection in our ranks fixed salaries by the civil functionaries, and had on this occasion being due to the counter attrac- to send their reports of the results of their mistion of a Cinderella dance. Apart from the rhe sionary labours, through the respective Governors toric of the Chairman, the main features were a to the Governor General in Batavia. We find the well-turned editorial, a humorous auti-tectotal latter judging and censuring or praising the

thanks for untiring courtesy in conducting them vestigating the case of a Dutch schoolmaster, over the workshops and explaining the process charged with derious orime, and deliberately and kindred games the Hongkong team present Dutch Mission of Formosa not merely followed. large are tendered the warmest thanks for their trade, nor had it merely, like the Missionaries patience, hospitality, and good fellowship. of the present day, the occasional support of a linew will place reliance in your wish

grabbet, but the Butch Missionary was a full blown Government officer, though dressed in cononicals, under the direct control and with the angualified support of the arms and the and the defenceless savage living in the districts under Dutch rule, saw it best, under these oil cumstances, to come by the hundreds and thou-The CHATRMAN said-Gentlemen, the report mands applying for beptism and diligently com-

It may seem, at first sight, intelligible enoug that missionary work conducted by state paid There being no questions, the CHAIRMAN and state supported evengelists should have the but that such success should be atterly hollow and unstable, bound to collapse on the first seg rious pressure brought upon the native converts from their own countrymen. But when we consider that most of these missionaries, though paid to do their work, and mixed up with an unholy system combining worldly power with spiritual aims, were thoroughly godly men, artificial edifice of this State Church of Formosa crumbled into dust, there were not even a few individuals among the native converts shawing guished by the storm raised by Koxinga in From the copy of the Rules and Regulations 1662 A. D., as effectually as a candle light

nailed to wooden crosses by their enemies and As that influence must necessarily be more or former converts, amply testify that most of them and finally retired from his Missionary labours, to their influence on the natives. Moreover they had the assistance of an extended organisaation of schools, they had printed books, organized training schools, and founded a native ministry, so that the influence of the highly Christian personal character of the Missionaries must have produced, in individuals at least, permanent and living fruit. Yet, when the trial came, nothing of the sort came to the

surface and the whole results of Missionary la bours in Formosa were once for all absolutely annihilated and forgotten. As to the remainder of the contents of the byterian Mission: Taiwanfoo. In two volumes | volumes before us, Mr. Campbell unfolds picture of English Presbyterion Mission work Some six months ago, in reviewing a reprint in Formosa which is seemingly truthful and of the Dutch-Formesan edition of the Gospel of genuine, but, excepting isolated cases of indivi-Matthew in the Sinkang dislect, edited by Mr. dual ill-treatment, no wide-spread or serious Campbell, we had occasion to refer to the historical | persecution has as yet overtaken these modern puzzle presented to us by the fact that a flour | native congregations so as to test the sincerity ishing Protestant church organisation, em of the converts or the solidity of the work bracing thousands of converts, and supported by done by the Missionaries. The latter, though a network of chapels and achools, spread over not directly supported by foreign Governseveral districts of Formosa, existed in the middle | ments, like the Dutch Missionaries of yore, of the seventeenth century, but was with one fell take their stand on Treaty rights forced upon swoop so completely wiped out of existence that the Chinese at the point of the bayonet, and go and unfamiliarity with sliding seats, fours were for two centuries afterwards not a trace remain- among the aborigines with all the prestige of lannched. The groggy way in which Hongkong, ed, not a memory lingered among the natives foreign civilization and the memories of serious left the wharf compared unfavourably with the themselves, until the editor of the present work and bloody chastisement inflicted upon them by confident swing of the Shanghai four, who were hunted up and published the records buried in a foreign soldiery. The work of Mr. Campbell made hot favourites. But the visitors backed few libraries in Holland. The idea naturally and his esteemed fellow labourers will be tested their own crew and in many cases recovered the suggested itself that modern Protestant Mission some day when the native people successfully ground they had lost over the result of the In. | work in Formosa and in China generally, with rise up as a whole against the foreign intruder, ternational. When, however, "Jimmy" Hall all its seeming success, might any day be liable as they did in the days of Kexinga, and it will get his men round the hend and out of reach of to the same fate of suddenly being souffed out then, and then only, be seen whether the work of The socient city of his infamy. the jeers, he called "easy all" and put his by some great national commetion, unless it the English Presbyterian Mission in Formosa

> UI-KO AND LUH-HWA. BY CHAS. J. H. HALCOMBE.

Author of Shadows of Life, Nena Vere, etc., etc., etc. This poem is founded upon an old Chinese legend of the time of the Tang dynesty. Author. PART 1.

A summer's evening, and the gates of Sung Were closed to traffic, and the tinkling bells Of burdened mules had slowly died away. And caravans with produce of the East Were drawn aside, and many drivers sat In groups together and with social case Discussed all topics of more foreign parts, Related legends or, with dominous, Sought to retrieve their lesses on the road, While listening to the songs and love of those Who told weird stories when the toils of day Had censed and all the joys of rest began.

An ancient man whose cabalistic art Had gained high reputation and respect, Crept from his ill kept but, along the street, And in his wonted place eat down to mark The rising of the moon, which to him seemed. Like unto some great monarch of the sky-A prophet by the world unrecognized, Who came to tell of things beyond that age, Revealing much to this decrepit slave Who, thus inspired, would sit for hours and hours By fancy led, and conjure strange events Which he wrote down. Until at length the moon Would steal away and leave him there alone.

Now Ul-ke was a young and comely youth. Possessed withal of affluence and sense, Who at his uncle's house was then a guest In Sung, and on that evening went abroad To hear all news brought in by travellers From other cities many li a way. And while he paused near when a temple stood He saw this old man sitting on the steps And by the moonlight reading thoughtfully, And sometimes making entries in a book. So Ui-ko-like most youths of every clime, Was curious to learn from this old man The why and wherefore of his being there, And what he found to read and write about, And why he sought no homelier studio. And for the purpose of divining this

He went to him, interrogating thus-

ray aged father, seeing you engaged "In lit'ry parenits by this misty light, " May I with all due def'rence to your years And to discretion in obedience plead My ignorance of the benefits derived Or pleasure you conceive from this wise course " Of evening study and of writing by " No other lamp than cheerless mys of light

"Shed on this earth by you ill-fated moon "Which, like this world, has burned out long ago And being now devoid of lambout power " Exposes all its nakedness and shame By turning from its cold inconstant light. "Towards that flushed and heat-consuming orb " Which lures those wayward stars to its domain " And borrows lastre from their fallen state."

The old man, from his thoughtful attitude, Did not at first beatir himself to speak Although to this intruder he gave ear. At length he slowly raised his shrivelled form And looked to Ui-ko while he answered thus-" Since you, my child, presume to question me " On actions which by most are unremarked, "And are to strangers of no interest,

And let you share the anarpeoted bless Of learning what the will of fate decrees. And somewing, since you too eager be To prosecute my singularity. For the not oft that camal visitors To this far city of commercial fame Panse to inquire my pleasure, which is lost

"To all unsanotioned students of the moon.

Let me explain what book I now peruse That you may learn its value to respect. This is a record of betrothal which Concerns all people who, beneath the wault Of yonder heaven, breathe and know of life. "And their engagements chronicled by me Will be faifilled at the appointed time, Though years may intervene and seas divide, "And many stranger planets rise and fall. " And in my pockets I have cords of red

With which I tie the feet of those who shall " Be joined together. And when once they're bound "E an should they be of families opposed-" Or nations adverse as the unknown apherea " Of Life and Death, no human power can change "Their destiny, which bears the seal of fate. "Yonder, my child, hard by the Northern Gate "Stands a small shop where an old woman sells Fresh gathered herbs to poorer class of folk,

"And she has now an infant which will be;" " In years to come, your fond and faithful wife. "So go to her, and treat the women well "For she is poor and has upon her breast "What most to you is precious, and the baba "Will prosper where she is. So do not try To better her position, for 'tie well That she remains in this quiet lowly state "Until such time as heaven may unfold. "To you her charms in all their maiden bloom "That you may test their priceless chastity."

When Ui-Ko heard his future thus foretold He turned away and walked towards the bouse Where he was staying. And was much perpiezed By these strange revelations which, to him, Seemed to predict disgraceful poverty. Or else why should he be compelled to choose A fitting wife from such a lowly grade ? So he was sorely troubled, and he went Next day to see this woman and the child. And when he saw them he drew back and said " Cursed be the fate which that old detard plans " For me through this old harridan who wends "Her rancid herbs to any starveling, " And rears this squalld child, smidst the din " Of oaths, and noisome airs that damn this place, "To be my vestal bride eventually. "O may The convolsed in agonies Of death and torture rather than become

"A victim to this freak of destiny." At last in desperation and disgust He felt determined to frustrate the scheme. And from this trouble be at once released, By hiring some assassin to go there And bring about the graceless child's demise. And as he passed along a narrow street A poor emaciated lep-r came And begged for succour that he might exist, Although in torture, not by hunger gnawed For life will fight in unsound armour long And hold its own through feculence and age Unless besieged and driven out at last, By cold stary stion, through the gate of death. And Ui-Ko faitered as he slowly said, " Are you a man who dares to gain a prize By making a bold stroke that carries death " To one who will grow up to be a curse And bring dishonour to the family " Of her afflicted husband who will be

"Bnared into marriage by some witchery ?" "I am!" replied the leper "and I will "Do anything to ease my poverty. " For faith, 'tie bad when nibbled by disease " To have no food nor where to lay and die."

"Thengo !" said Ui-Ko, pointing to the place, And if to night you do remove from earth That woman's child which now rests on her knee " I will reward you with ten thousand cash. But be not cruel, perform your creaml well, "And then return to claim your welcome prize."

And in the silence of the night they met And Ui-Ko heard the child had breathed hor last, Then with misgivings Ui. Ko wont away, A man dishonoured and a slave to crime But never did he go again to see

A quiet old home beneath the friendly shade Of ever awaying foliage that the breath Of delest breezes moved to cadence sweet. Looked out upon a clear deep stream that kissed The yellow steps which mounted to a door Where cobble-stones, worn down by many feet Led through, across a well-tred matie yard, Towards a chamber where grim effigies Strange senile figures of the pagan gods-Sat in pravailing gloom, while burning splints Shed a grave light, emitting balmy fumes Of sandalwood and garoo, which wrought up In omate fancies that, awaking, seemed To sanotify the silence of that place.

Upon the right a curtained entrance led Into a smaller room, where frescood walls, Hung with quaint etchings and with tapestry, Attracted sunbeams through the window, where Fantastic outlines painted on the sheet Cast motley shadows on the inlaid floor And upwards to the ceiling, where was traced Huge dragons and chameleons gaping down Upon a marble table, where there sat An old man clothed in plain and homely style, Whose long white board bespoke of life advanced To quiet reffrement from the toils of life. His sallow face with checks long farrowed out, And eyes illumined by the light of age, Scemed all in keeping with his dull attire Which blended well with that sedative nock.

Upon the left a carved and panelled door Gave entrance to a nest apartment, where Three lattice windows: shaded by green trees. Inhalod sweet perfumes of the fruitful land From gentle breezes as they veered and fell To lighter airs that o'er the waters played, Or sought the shore and there among the trees Conversed in whispers, or in voices soft, Sang through the hours of darkness and repose Scraphic songs untitled by this world.

And in this room a fair and youthful girl. Whose blushing honours cast a halo round Herstateliness and beauty which was such That any man would honour and respect. Reclined amidst the annahine of her home. The prefect, her adopted father, gave To her all comfort he could well command; And, in return, she proved most worthy of His just affection, and his every wish She studied with a womanly resolve To make the days of age pass cheefully And close beneath the shadow of her love.

One day the old man called her and he said :

" Lub-hwa, I have been thinking of you much, "And of your future, which concerns me more Than I have cared to mention until now; " For, as you know, I've watched you faithfully " And fondly through the years of infancy ". "And know full well you do reciprocate "The love that prompts me early to provide "For your welfare, since heaven has bestowed " On n,e the blessing of prosperity, " And you, my child, the modesty and grace " Which so refines kind Nature's rerest art " And thus completes a master piece of life, " That I may now, with all paternal pride,

" Prove faithful and unsolfish at the last " By leading you to a straightforward man-"Who best will guide you thro' the future years "When I shall be laid by among the rest "Of my ancestors on the Western hills. And with regret, yet pleasure, I have planned Your marriage with my good friend's only son " Cu whom I place much confidence and faith, " Since I have marked his actions carefully " And judged his worthiness impartially.

"So not one measure has been left unweighed And with integrity I now conclude "That Ui-Ke is a loyal and honest man, Who has meen life but nees his folly now. And as he is most anxious to secure. "Your hand and heart by early nuptials "I have most favourably considered this And have consulted all the wisest men; And they who have 1 mrsned the omous far

"Tustruck me that the brougher of the earth And stems of heaven indicate the chark As a propitions time for you to wed, 47 " So as 'tis now the time of bearded grain In sixteen days the Summer Solatics comes, Then you shall see your lover and go forth. "With my fond blessing, to adorn his home.

And Ul-Ko married Luh-hwa, and he saw

That she was rare in beauty and in mind And was imbued with loving constancy : But strange to may his fair one always wore Upon her brow an artificial flower. Which looked uncommon, and her husband asked Repeatedly her reason, for the cholos Of this adornment worn untach nably ; But she was most evasive and did keep

The secret of her plume religiously. At length, however, she unvoiled the truth And creeping elyly to her husband's side She laid | er gr: ceful head against his arm; And seemed to nestle there confidingly And for ily as she looked to him and said " Forgive me, Ul-Ko, for I have concealed " From you, my husband, that which might crase " My beauty and your love, for now behold " It hides a sear and shades my early life. " But confidence is most essential now

"That we are made, by heaven, man and wife.

Who held high office in the Taotal's court-

"I am the daughter of a mandarin

" In Sung, full fourteen years ago and more. "And I was but an infant in those days. And as my mother died when I was born " A faithful nurse sometimes attended me When father was ongaged officially. "! This nurse was poor and she, kind woman, kept " A little shop close to the Northern Gate "Where she would often take me. And one night "When I was sitting on her knee outside, "A robber struck me and the scar remains "Imprinted yet beneath this floral seal." " My father died when I was two years old " And his good brother then adopted me " And brought me over to a liappy home "In S'ong Ch'u, where I ever since remained,

When Ui-Ko heard bis wife narrate these facts He for a moment stood in wonderment. Then with a cry of joy he drew her near, And, with emotion, spoke impressively " My loved one, by the Gods, this floral seal "Conveys a message from the realms of fate. Demanding just repentance for the hurt "I caused you, for 'twas I who wished you dead. " For some strange wizard had predicted this, That we should marry. But your childish face, "Impaired by the ill-favoured phase of life "In which it seemed apparent you were born, "Was no oritorion of your beauty now; "Nor of your virtue, for indeed that place "Was most unwholesome and the people low. " And I, in apprehension of my fate, "Defled the just decrees that are fulfilled. " For clouds, impending, darkened as they reach "The fancied horrors of futurity. " And I determined to remove from earth

" And so I'm called the Prefect's daughter now

"The settled cause of swiftly gathering shame. "And then I hired a villain to remove "You from my path of pistured happiness; " But now, thank heaven, it was not performed " So, Lub hwa, let us close the book of Past, "For this has proved a floral seal of fate "That guards our love through life eternally. Amoy, November, 1889.

> AMATEUR CONCERT AT THE -LUSITANO CLUB.

Another of those successful concerts with

which the name of the Lusitano Club, Hong-

kong, has become connected was given on Saturday evening, the 14th inst. The attendance was not mearly so good as on former occasions, but this may be easily accounted for by the numerous other performances which took lie in Hongkong, and she should prove soprano voice, considerably above the average, more powerful in the lower than in the upper re-

gister, but at all times thoroughly musical. Her performance on Saturday was greeted with the most hearty applause, and was in every way worthy of the tribute paid. Miss Lammert is also new, if not to Hougkong audiences, to the frequenters of these concerts. On Saturday evening Miss Lammert had but little to do, but this she did it in an extremely satisfactory manner, rendering great aid in the concerted pieces Mr. Withers gave a fairly good rendering of the tenor part, although a little tendency to "throatiness," was now and again apparent, while Mesars. Grace and Laing did yeomen's service in the quintet. Miss Carolina De Souza's pianaforte solo was a brilliant performance, but the effect was a little marred by one of the strings of the justrument jarring. Miss d'Almada e Castro and Mrs. Guedes are old favourites who are always sure of a good reception. Their names are sufficient guarantee that their duet was one of the peformances of the evening. Mr. Grace followed with an excellently well sung solo which showed he has lost none of his vocal powers, while the first part of the programms

was brought to a close by the singing of the

Miss Guedes opened the second part of the pro-

Grand Finale, "Tutti in Maschera."

gramme with a selection from "Favorita," the other performers assisting in the chorus. Miss d'Almada e Castro again delighted her hearers by the singing of the balled "Who's at my window?" while Mr. C. Lammert deserves praise for a careful and artistic rendering of "Salve Dimora," from "Faust." Good as Miss de Sonza's performances on the plane usually are, we do not remember her ever surpassing the execution of a solo in the second the enthusiastic applause she received at its the end of the year, the town is in communicaclose. The quintet which followed from "Son nambula and the quartet and chorus from the same opera which brought the concert to a tune and time. Mention must also be made of comfort. Under ordinary circumstances it may Mr. G. Lammert's singing of the seronade be made in from twenty to twenty-nine days, of this question. One remark of Dr. Mitchell's "Dormi Pure," which was a most artistic per- divided thus formance from every point of view. Mr. Cattaneo made a very able director throughout and deserves every praise for his clever coaching of the performers. We might, however, suggest a little less vigour at times when accompanying singers at the plane. The concert was given in aid of the orphans of the West Point Referenstory, under the auspices of the committee of the

THE RED RIVER E()UTE TO YUNNAN.

The following notes of a journey to Yunnan, with remarks on the trade, means of transport, ones 4 to 6 tacks. For ocolies and animals the etc., were recently published in the Journal prices are exactly the same. I will say nothing Officiel of French Indo-China

OF THE RED RIVER.

Lusitano Ciub

most time, until a new type of vessel, more suit known not to need any praise. I cannot, how. Toukin gives a long account of trials made with able to the service, shall have been constructed, ever, too strongly impress upon merchants in. Kebso cost on river steamers, which prove, it is the native junks supply a certain means of trans-terested that in this province, although there is said, that the results obtained with that cost port from the capital of Tonquin to the frontier. no direct communication with the great contres taken from only six metres below the surface no direct communication with the great contres taken from only six metres below the surface. The river is navigable for the whole distance, of Hankow, Shanghai, or Hongkong, and the are equal to those obtained from Australian and even when the water is lowest, for junks drawing from two to two-and-a-half feet, and carrying from 150 to 200 piculs. From Hanci to Lac- European goods, which arrive by the long and ture before it.

kjayothe terminus of the navigation in Annamite unks, the average duration of the voyage at to any season is from tifteen twenty five days Between Lackey and Man-hao the navigation is obstructed by rapids' caused by boulders. Above these Aunamite junks can freely havigate the upper part of the river, at least us far as Long-po. Above this point the navigation becomes more difficult and requires good pilots and experienced crows. As, however, it is usual to leave this part of the traffic to the Chinese river boatmen goods coming from Hanci are transhipped at Lackay on a particular kind of boat called Yunnan boats. These boats, which are simply large canoes with a mat roof in the middle, are built of hardwood; they are large and pointed at both ends, with flat bottoms and carry from 150 to 200 piculs of merchandise, and draw from 16 to 20 inches. Needless to say, there is no provision for the comfort of passengers, who have to find room where they can.

FROM LACKAY TO MAN-HAO. The length of the passage from Lackay, to Man-hao varies from four to seven days, seconding to the wind and the state of the river. The rate of hire for a Chinese junk is from 20 to 30. tacks for the voyage. This tariff, relatively high, is explained by the scarcity of vessels. In look upon as transient. fact, for several years past the traffic having been will be much reduced.

If the secent is long and difficult the descent s correspondingly rapid. At this sesson of the vear ten or eleven hours is sufficient for the voyage from Man-hao to Lackay, while in winter, when the water is at its lowest, a day and a half or two days are reckoned on.

FROM MAN-HAO TO YUAN-CHING. Man-hao is the terminus of the navigation for large boats and the entrepot for merchandis e for the national trade, to avail of these large destined for the interior. From this point openings. We are persuaded that our merchants the river is still navigable to the subprefecture of Yuan ching, but only for sma= will not allow themselves to be forestalled by boats carrying seven or eight piouls. The rapids are numerous, and at one point the river is so obstructed with rocks that the boats have to be pushed over dry laud.

FROM MAN-HAO TO MENGITU. A paved road, called the Imperial road, in a good state of repair, leads in two days to Mengtau The journey, difficult for horses, is still more difficult for coolies. The road rises steadilis now on a visit to Peking. He has already ly to 7,200 feet, descending again to a plain at visited Japan and Korea. A meeting of the an altitude of 4,700 feet, where town of Missionary Association took place on the 14th Mengtzu is situated. At Yao teou, 30 li from November at the residence of Dr. Martin, at Man-hao, are stables where beasts of hurden which Dr. Mitchell gave an address on may be engaged, and Chinese inns which; if Japan and Korea. The lecturer spoke of not confortable, at least afford shelten 20 % the state of education in Japan with three further on is the village of Shiutien, offering the millions of scholars in the schools; of thirty same advantages. It is usual to make the jour-thousand Christians; of the adoption by Janey from Yao-toou to Mangtzu in one day, but pan of Western civilisation, which adoption, sometimes a stoppage is made at A-mn tchai, 20 he believed, in spite of some eddies would be perli from the town; this depends on the time of manent. He contrasted the state of the common departure from the first named village, the speed | roads throughout Japan with those of China, and of the animals, and the willingness of the mule- held up Japan as an object lesson to China teers. For sedan chairs or coolies carrying from which the latter country was bound to burdens the journey to Mengtan occupies three receive advantage. He then went into a long days. The average wages of a chair coolie or a philosophical and interesting disquisition on the coolie carrying a burden is 25 tael cents per day; charge of fickleness as a characteristic of the the coolie finding his own food. At all the inns on people, which he contradicted, explaining how the route the charge is ten to fifteen cents per mun per night. The animals are paid for by the muleteers. The innkeeper supplies only fuel and in. was obliged for the sake of her national inferior rice. The traveller therefore must carry his provisions with him if he does not wish to have a repast more than modest. Fowls and eggs may be brought almost anywhere, but the arriving in Korea the superior physique of that people generally take advantage of the situation | people struck him at once, and on coming to to ask high prices. It is therefore an advant. China this feeling was intensified. He held that age to provide everything necessary before leav- a good physique was at the bottom of intellectual ing Man-hao.

MEANS OF TRANSPORT. Horses, mules, and coolies are the only means of transport on Chinese roads. Each animal carries on an average one picul, divided into two parcels of equal weight. Parcels weighing more than 75 lbs are refused by the muleteers and must be carried by coolies. The hire of a horse per day, including food, varies from 28 to 35 cents, according to the supply of animals and the Yamen in reply to the document forwarded by nature of the goods. Beasts of burden may be hired at Man-hao or Mengtau. It is renerally on market days—held once in aix distribution of such a book as the "Death Blow days—that aminals may be engaged most easily, from 50 to 300 being then available.

The tael of silver is the money current in the country. The quality and the rate of silver steps were taken on a previous occasion when the vary at different places. Cash also circulate, "Death Blow" first appeared in Shantung. A the rate being 1,500 to the tael. The Mengtzn vote of thanks was passed to Col. Denby and the tael weighs 37 grammes, and is worth 3 per Diplomatic Corps. Dr. Dudgeon, the next cent, more than that of the capital, 10 per cent. speaker called upon, referred to the present conmore than that of Shanghai and about 45 per opened with the "Soldiers chorus" from "Faust," cent less than that of Canton. It is difficult of which a spirited rendering was given. Mrsof weighof weighas giving with the one hand and taking away with
ing. according to whether he is paying or retion from "L'Ardita." This was followed by a
ceiving. the difference between the two He thought Japan should at least have an onduet with a quintet finale, in which Mrs. Simons, varying to the extent of a few centimes in Miss Lammert, and Messrs. Withers, Grace, and the tael. The French trade dollars and Laing took part, the duet being performed Mexican dollars are accepted at the rate of by Mrs. Simons and Mr. Withers. This, 60 to 65 tack per hundred, which gives was Mrs. Simons first appearance in pubthem a value of 7 per cent. less than on the coast, and they are received in payment only of here. Mrs. Simons has a cultivated, sweet-toned small sums, \$50 at the most. Merchants, thereselves with silver ingots.

THE TRADE CENTER. The Chinese of the Yunnen plateau having a great aversion to the Red River valley and the forest region, where they cannot go without contracting incurable disease, merchants who wish to do business in these parts must come to Mengtzu, which is the centre of trade and of production. The route is perfectly safe, free from difficulty, the population quiet and hospitable, and the Chinese merchants are anxious to see goods arrive and to open up trader

BELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE. I cannot too strongly recommend our country men who do not speak Mandarin, which is th language of the country to procure interpreters or comprederes capable of assisting them intheir transactions with the natives. Here, as in the open ports, the Chinese intermediary is gress was held up to them for their pattern and indispensable. He sees better then we do what encouragement. He concluded by quoting the suits his countrymen, is very patient, discuses with a calm which we do not always preserve. knows how to make concessions at the proper moment, and as the local merchant is always timid in trading with Europeans, of whom he has little knowledge and with whom he hesitates to deal. the compreders meets the requirements of the situation. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH TONQUIN.

Mengtzu has postal communication with Laokay by couriers, who keep up a five-day service, the postal work being under the charge of the Con-

Independently of the telegraph laid between Laokay and Mengtzu, which is to be commenced next month and will be fluished before telegraph lines to Shanghai and Canton. As will be seen, the journey from Hanci to he had apparently heard much in Korea from olose were well rendered and given in excellent Yunnan presents no difficulty beyond a lack of showed his sympathy for missionaries. He Hanoi to Laokay days 14 20
Laokay to Manhao

Manhag to Mengtsa 2 2 Total 20 29 The return voyage does not occupy more than an to fifteen days :--Min. Max.

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Laokay 6 10 Total ..... 81 14 I should add that for the return voyage junks

as to the Armanite junks, as residents in Ton-MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND THE NAVIGATION tion with regard to these than I am. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

costly routes of Szechnen by Hankow and Kwangsi by Po-se. The route new opened for trade offers to our merchants and manufacturers important advantages and an immense field of action. It is regrettable that up to the present no attempt has been made by Tonquin morehants to enter into trade relations on this market. The summer and the rainy season do not, it is true, favour the commencement of business, but let us hope that after the annual freshets of the river (mid-October or November) our merchants will less no time and that before long Fronch goods will take their proper place in these markets. I must not. however, conceal from our countrymen that they will have to meet foreign competition, well established for years past, which sends goods suited to native consumption, the prices of which, notwithstanding the enormous charges they have to bear, are relatively low. The Chinese are creatures of routine, acoustomed to see or to buy such and such articles bearing such and such warks; it is difficult to induce them to change even by offering them a superior article at the same price. It is only with time, much patience, and suitable agents that our merchants, with the energy and initiative which characterise them, will overcome these difficulties, which I

Now that the river is opened there can be no almost nil, the beat owners have been more or less | doubt, although pessimists have questioned it. ruined and have disappeared. The opening of that goods arriving by this route will be able not the river being now an accomplished fact, the na- only to supply this province, but also parts of tive morchants, certain of finding an opening for | Szechnen and Kweichow. We are no longer in their goods and of freight for their vessels, are the time of hypothesis; accomplished facts are not hesitating to invest their capital ; junks are the best proof. Since the opening of the Gusbeing built, and before long the rate of freight tom-house goods arriving by the Conquin route are sent under transit passes not only to Tali and all the towns of the interior, but also to Szechuon and Kweichow, where they lay down cheaper than those following the route through Szechuen by Hankow or from Canton by Po-se. Native goods avail largely of these facilities and before long we may hope to have a large volume of trade.

The route is open and safe, our situation is exceptional, and the native merchants are anxious I to do business. It is new for private enteprise, will not be slow to:do so, and above all that they

JAPAN AND CHINA COMPARED.

PRKING, 18th November

The Rev. Dr. Mitchell, one of the Secretaries of the American Presbyterian Church Mission, -Japan, although she had for so long sought to obtain all sorts of knowledge from the West dependence to adopt an exclusive policy during two centuries and a half. The lecturer, who was listened to with marked attention, added that on abiblity. Dr. Blodget believed in the stability of Japan's onward progress and in the useful

lesson she was teaching Chins. Col. Denby spoke in favour of China, instancing her advancement in her criminal reports, and preising the ability of the despatches which they (the Ministers) received from the Tsungli Yamen, which would compare with the doorments issuing from any of the Western Foreign Offices. The speaker read the despatch of the the Foreign Representatives calling upon the Chinese Government to suppress the printing and to Corrupt Doctrines" in this province and at Soochow. The Yamen has given orders to the provincial authorities to investigate the case and to suppress the publication of the books in question. The Yamen despatch details what dition of Japan in regard to Treaty Revision, and the appointment of foreign judges, which he thought was extraterritoriality in enother form. portunity of trying the administration of her code; or at any rate one judge to assist in courts of appeal would be quite sufficient. He spoke of the increased vigour evidenced by the Buddhist priesthood and of the work of Col. Olcott in Japan. He referred to the physique of the Northern Chinese, which had been noticed by all travellers, as compared with the flabby orientals of South Asia, and then combated at some length the charge of seclusion of the Chinese and Japanese, pointing out that western nations by their wars, opium trade, the tactics of the Roman Catholic missionaries, etc., had frightened these peoples into an exclusive policy; that in ancient and more modern times not only had all the surrounding nations the freest intercourse, but even more distant nations—that the policy of these nations was freedom of trade. In conclusion he spoke strongly against the idea. that Japanese progress had been or was in any sense an object lesson from which the Chinese had received and would receive the benefit of western civilisation. The Chinese held the Japanese in profound contempt and the official classes were not willing to learn anything from them; that indeed the contrary effect was produced on the Chinese official mind when the Japanese procelebrated language of the Grand Secretary Wen Heizng, that when China does move she will proceed with a momentum which will astonish the world. Dr. Martin agreed in the main with the remarks of the last speaker, but thought the element of fear of the Japanese had been left out of the account. He referred to the term wo jan employed by the Chinese to designate the Japanese, meaning dwarfs. In education, boring artesian wells, and in extracting copper from the Yunnan mines, he mentioned cases where the Japanese had been employed by the Chinese. The Chairman, Mr. Owen, spoke of his experiences of the people of Japan among whom he had lived and laboured for some time. He spoke of their fickleness of action, but at the same time their fixity of purpose ; that every now and then they wanted a "kick up " but always came back to the same point, and so went on. Dr. Mitchell suggested for discussion the relations of Korea and China, regarding which Mr. Denny, who believed that the peace and prosperity of Korea depended on the settlement

TONQUIN.

would not grudge them comfortable houses. The

bealth of the missionaries was a question of

prime importance. Dr. Mitchell preached on

Sunday evening at the usual service and has

now proceeded to the Great Wall .- N. C. Daily

News correspondent.

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THE THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY TIME Company's Steamship PRIVATE BOARDING RESIDENCE on 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the WALSH, LIMITED. permit them to borrow by way of mortgage, L. MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in Bank if marked On Honggong Savings Bank Kulangsu, AMOY. nor can they increase their Capital for the the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5. Stanley Street, Victoria. ROBERT LOVE, First Class Accommodation for Travellers Business is forwarded free by the various purposes of business in Hongkong.

The Vendors have therefore agreed to sell to "TELAMON." CO-OPERATIVE Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above British Post Offices in Hongkong and China and Families. General Agent. Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th day of on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst. Hongkong, 16th December, 1889. 7.-Withdrawals may be made on demand COMPANY, LIMITED the Hongkong Trading Company, Limited, the On Moderate Terms. December. 1889, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M., for the For Freight or Passage, apply to but the personal attendance of the Depositor or CAPT. J. E. THOMSEN. Hongkong business in consideration of the sum BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE purpose of presenting the Report of the Direc-Amoy, 22nd November, 1889. his duly appointed Agent, and the production of of Dollars 20,000 for the goodwill and certain TABINBURK FURNITURE Co., LD. tors and Statement of Accounts to the 30t his Pass-Book are necessary advantages with regard to special agencies for FOR SALE. Hongkong, 18th December, 1889. November last. For the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-COLLEGE CHAMBERS. the Vandors, Home buying, &c. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Comhave prepared for . The Stock-in-trade, Fixtures, Household Fur-HAS JUST BECEIVED ING CORPORATION, MHAMPAGNE "MONOPOLE" CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP pany will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th niture, etc, will be taken over by the Company THE HOLIDAY SEASON G. E. NOBLE. -HEIDSIECK & Co.nstant, both days inclusive. COMPANY. at cost valuation (as per stock books) on Chief Manager. TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO By Order of the Board of Directors, a special large stock of White Buckskin SADDLES. Hongkong, 1st January, 1889. December 31st, 1889, and the Book Debts (after JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED MONOPOLE RED SEAL (medium dry). FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY E. W. MAITLAND. writing off all known bad debts) will be also THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK STATES, AND EUROPE, "seo" RED FOIL (dry). Secretary. of their own unequalled manufacture, which taken over, less a deduction of 5 per cent. CORPORATION, LIMITED. Fawn Buckskin SADDLES. Hongkong, 13th December, 1889. Satisfactory arrangements have been made THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY they are prepared to sell (extra dry). DRY Do. AUTHORISED CAPITAL ......£2,000,000. for a much-needed enlargement and improve-DURING THE PERSENT MONTH THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DU AND OTHER CONNECTING ment of the present premises, and the refusal of Pigarin SADDLES. SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS. CARLOWITZ & Co., SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES. a lease for 3 or 5 years at the Company's option FIHE British Steamship LIMITED. LONDON: Sole Agents for has been secured. 4, 6, and 8lbs. weight. The following are the principal departments, HEIDSIECK & Co., REIMS, NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. West End Office, 25, Cocksput STREET. BATAVIA." as at present carried on. vis :---2553 Tons Register, Williamson, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., For Hongkong, China, and Japan. LIBRARY SETS, in BEST MOROCCO. Household & General Stores, Wines & Spirits SETS OF PONY CLOTHING. BRANCHES IN INDIA, PERSIA, CHINA, JAPAN FINE FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY Hougkong, 1st July, 1885. Empire Brewery Products... MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in YIA KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on THURS-AND THE COLONIES. COMPLETE DINING ROOM SUITES Hall & Holtz Co's Staam | Sole Agency the above Company will be held at the Com-DAY, the 9th January, 1890, at NOON. RIDING WHIPS, HUNTING CROPS THE BANK receives money on Deposit, Furniture Factory pany's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road, on MON-To be followed by the S. S. "ABYSSINIA" WARDROBES, with BEVELLED MIRRORS. Buya and Sells Bills of Exchange, issues A NATURAL SOLERA SHERRY, Gentlemen's Outfitting & Tailoring. DAY, the 30th instant, at 4 P.M : for the on 6th February, and S: S: "PARTHIA," on HORSE BRUSHES, CURRY Letters of Oredit, forwards Bills for Collection, Drapery, Millinery & Dressmaking. Dr. STEVENBON MACADAM, writes purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, DRESSING TABLES with MARBLE Tops the 6th March. Ladies & Children's Outfitting, & Fancy Goods and Transacts Banking and Agency Business together with a Statement of Account to. 31st Connection will be made at Yokehama with "ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, EDINBURGH. and WASHSTANDS to match. Farnishing, General Upholstery, House Paintgenerally on terms to be had on application. March, 1889, and for the election of Directors Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, COMBS, &c., &c. "11th June, 1888. ing and Decorating. "Mesers: Curler, Palmer & Co.
"I have made a careful and exhaustive Analysis of and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points, and Auditors. Interest allowed on Deposits ---CABINETS, JARDINIERS, MANTEL It is proposed to add a Furniture Factory, and by the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST A. O'D. GOURDIN. Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent, per Annum. MIRRORS, CONSOLE GLASSES, &c, &c. such other branches of trade as from time to time a sample of Sherry of the mark La Torre. The results show this Sherry to be a natural Wine of great purity, free from added alcohol or other STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers. Fixed for 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum. Secretary. may be considered advisable. Hongkong, 17th December, 1889. Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-Fixed for 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum. On Correct Deposit Accounts 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance. The Vendors will bear the whole cost of the land, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Just Received a Selected Stock of ALSO TO HAND preliminary and other expenses attending forms.
tion of the Company, up to the date of allotment. "The La Tores Sherry is well adapted for general use, and is a tonic which may be cafely em-FURNITURE COVERINGS, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI lines of Steamers. ART DRAPERIES. BANKING CORPORATION. First-class Fares granted as follows:-In our TAILORING DEPARTMENT. Applications for Shares (accompanied by a CURTAINS, FRINGES, &c. ployed by those suffering from a weak digestion. To Vancouver & Victoria ... (Mex.) \$210.00. AGENCY DEPARTMENT. deposit of \$5 per share) must be made on a print-Hongkong, 2nd November, 1889. To Montreal, New York, &c...... 290.00. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF F.B.S.E., F.C.S., F.I.G., For the convenience of those returning to large Stock of Materials for RIDING ed form, and forwarded to the Company's Ban-To Liverpool....... 325.00. VICTORIA REGATTA, 1889. Enrope, an Agency Department has been added - SHAREHOLDERS. kers; should no allotment be made the deposit Lecturer on Chemistry, &c." to the ordinary business of the Bank, for the transaction of Personal Agency of every des-BREECHES. RIDING TROUSERS will be returned in full, and in case the number OFICE is hereby given that an EXTRA To other European Points at proportionate THE Committee request the Pleasure of the of shares allotted is less than that applied for, rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers the surplus deposit will be appropriated towards of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Our representatives in China can supply this RIDING HABITS, &c. charming and delicate wine at \$9 per Case. Company of the Eldries of Hongrong | ORDINARY MEETING will be held oription.

Psy and Pensions collected. to Tiffin on Board the Flagship on the 19th and at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSthe sum due on allotment. CUTLER PALMER & CO. DAY, the 16th day of January, 1890, at BEDFORD CORD, WHIPCORD, STOCK. Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be 20th instants, the occasion of the Annual Baggage, cleared, warehoused, or forwarded. Insurances effected. Application Forms can be obtained at the obtained on application. TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON, when, in accordance HONGKONG & CHINAG AS COMPANY offices of the Company's Bankers in Hongkong. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo deswith the requirements of Article 96 of the Deed INGNETTE, VENETIAN CLOTH, The Flagship is reserved entirely for Ladies, Circular Notes and Letters of Oredit issued. Shaughai, and Coast Ports. of Settlement, of the Corporation, the Sharetined to Points in the United States should be Subscribers, and those Members of the Vic-Agency of the NATIONAL LIVE ASSURANCE The list will be closed in all these places on sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. holders will be requested to authorise the &c., &c., &c. TORIA RECEEATION Club competing in the the 30th December, 1889. Directors to accept an Ordinance passed by the D. E. Brown, District Freight Agent, Van-H. A. HERBERT. various events. Hongkong, 17th December, 1889. 2628 couver, B.C. Governor in Council of Hongkong amending Through the courtesy of Mr. GILLIES the Pilot Fish will leave Pedder's Wharf on each THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Manager, Hongkong Branch. THE HALL & HOLTZ FOR SALE. the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordin-Freight will be received on Board until 4 P.M. Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd Hongkong, 12th March, 1887. CO-OPERATIVE Co., LD. HE German Schooner instant to the lat day of January, 1890, both day for the Flagship at 12 Noon and 12.45 P.M. on the 8th January. ance No. 5 of 1866. days inclusive. Subscribers wishing to obtain Tickets for the All Percels must be sent to our Office and HUNGKONG JOCKEY CLUB By Order of the Court of Directors Hougkong, 16th December, 1889. should be marked to address in full; and the Flagship should apply to the Hon. Tressurer, G. E. NOBLE, F. W. CROSS, BACE MEETING, 1890. 123 Tons, as she is now lying in this Harbour. same will be received by us until 5 P.M. the Mr. R. T. WEIGHT, Hongkong and Shanghal Chief Manager. Manager. HONGKONG DERBY Hongkong, 30th November, 1889. Hongkong, 2nd December, 1889. Bank. Rowing Members can obtain Tickets. day previous to sailing. WATERBURY ATCHES, One ALTHOUSE WIND MILL PUMP, For information as to Passage or Freight. admitting to the Flagship from the Stoward JUST PUBLISHED. 12 feet, with all Appurtanances, complete.

For further information, apply to WEEPSTAKES of \$20 each, half forfeit if V-R. C. upon application. THE CHINESE BRICK, TILE AND apply to PRICE REDUCED TO TWO DOLLARS declared on or before day of closing. GODFREY C. C. MASTER, ADAMSON, BELL & Co., \$2.70 AND SEVENTY CENTS, \$2.70. Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 CEMENT COMPANY. THE SIXTY YEARS F. BLACKHEAD & Co. Hon. Secretary. Agents. REPAIRS NEVER EXCEED 50 CENTS FOR Hongkong, 6th December, 1889. Hongkong, 18th December, 1889. for 2nd For all China Ponies bong fide Griffins Hongkong, 13th December, 1889. | 2603 NGLO CHINESE-CALENDAR EACH WATCH. at date of Entry, (SATURDAY, 25th January, FATHE PREMIER CHAMPAGNE IN 5,000 SHARES OF \$10 RACH. FOR BALE, Orders from Outports to be accompanied with 1890). First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second. 20 GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, From 1st January, 1834 to 31st December, DROSPECTUS and all information can be contained upon Application to the Hong- 66 / THE FALLS," on R. B. L. No. 28, a. AT THE PEAK THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHIA. 101bs. (ins-mile-and-a-half. Nominations close 1899; being from the 31st year of the 75th - Is BINET, FILS' DRY ELITE. LIMITED. Cycle to the 30th year of the 76th Cycle. (Sole Agents in Japan & Chins to the Clerk of the Course at the Club on SATURDAY, the 28th December, 1889. So labelled and branded TONG AND SHANGHAT BANKING CORPORATION. well built Six-ROOMED House, at / HIS Company is new prepared to Supply

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CUTLER, PALMER & Co.,

who are M.M. BINET, FILE' Agents.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,

Clerk of the Course.



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We invite attention to the following old landed Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money. The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best rowths at moderate prices. In ordering it is only necessary to state

the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted. and initial letter for quality desired. receive prompt attention. PORTS. (For Invalula and general use.)

A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule .. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule ...... 12 C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal

superior. Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) ..... 18 SHERRIES A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule ..... 6 B Superior Pale Dry. dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule... 7.50 Manzanilis. Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsale ..... 10 CC Superior Old Dry. Pale Natural Sharry, Red Seal

Capsule.....10 D Very Superior Old Pale ahoice old Wine, White Seal Capsule ..... E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality. Black Seal Capsule (Old Quarte. Pints.

CLARETS. Superior\_Breakfast\_Claret. St. Estepho, Red Capsule ... 4.50 5.00 D La Rose BRANDY A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red : \$12 \$1.10 Capsule B Superior Very Old Cognac, C Very Old Liqueur Cognico D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Viotage, Red Capsule ..... 24 2.00 SCOTCH WHISKY. Thorne's Bland, White Cap-

Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark. Watson's Abelour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark ..... Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule... 10 1.00 Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Golf Cap-John Jameson's Old. Green

John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule ..... 10 1.00 John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule ....... 12 GENUINE BOURBON WHISKY, fine old, Red Capsule, with Fine Old Tom, White Cap-

Fine Unsweetened, White

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4.50 0.40 C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva ..... 5.25 0.50 Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Good Leeward Island ...\$1,50 per Gallon LIQUEURS. Benedictine Heering's Cherry Cordial Dr. Siegert's Angestura Chartreuse

BIRTHS.
At H.B.M. Legation, Peking, on the 29th November, the wife of J. N. JOEDAN, Acting Chinese Secre-On the 13th December, at "Idlewild," Hongkong, the wife of W. R. LOXLEY, of a daughter. MARRIAGE.

On the 30th November, at Christ Church, Yokohama, by the Rev. E. Champneys Irwine, THOS. HOLYOLKE, youngest son of the late Thomas Box, of mation as to the doings of Chang Chih-tung in Dudley, W recestershire, to AGNES MARY, youngest | Shanghai. daughter of John Evans, of Dudley, Worcestershire.

In Hongkong, on S. turday morning, the 7th instant enddenly of heart-disease. Eutlan Termo-Lateun. Civil Engineer and Ph. B. of Yale University, U.S.A. Late in the Imperial Chinese Government Service at | weather .- Adul. Tie tein. Shanghai papers please copy. [25] At Wuhu, on the 7th December (suddenly), HEMBER, aged 47 years. On the 8th December, at the residence of his Son No. 222B, Bluff, Yokohama, the Rev. G. F. DRAPER On the 11th December, at 9.15 a.m., at his residence,

ongkong, William Humpray Fuller Darby

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18rm, 1889.

MARVELLOUS are the reports concerning China and other countries of the Far East that from time to time find their way into the calendar. which include a case of libel, the English papers, owing to the expansion of a grain of fact into a pound of fiction; but it is only fair to admit that these fables are often the result of ignorance prompting to ludicrous mistakes such as the location of events which took place in Japan in her neighbour China or vice versa. The mistakes ance, 1879. and misapprehensions concerning things Oriental which find place in British journals are, however, trifles when compared to the piece a young lady resplendent in a red hunting journalists build up for the delectation of trustful readers. Some of these rise on a foundation as airy as the fabric of vision, rang out an alarm about half-past seven o'clock into so well constructed a tale as to bear the verisimilitude of truth and still more effectually impose on credulity. 'Of such is an nicle of the 10th ultimo. This is entitled Canton, has been appointed, by Imperial Decree dated the 12th mat., Commander in chief of the

its readers a clue to its contents in sub-heads, thus : " Bailroads established in the Eupire," "Imperial Authorization," " A grand ently learned sumething of his subject Canton, by one of the monks. The actual murwith tolerable accuracy, the history of

the Central Kingdom by the formation of tracy, before Hon. H. E. Wodehouse, concern- there. It is impossible to describe all latest Kaisha, have reduced the price of these excelorigin of the Kaiping line. Thereafter he begins to flounder, as when he regards the fell striking his head on the fell striki Tientain railway as a separate line, and then as to render him insensible. He was removed to of older growth, as are also the newest puzzles Japanese and Chinese manufacture displayed, connects it with Peking. These errors might the Naval Hospital, where he died the next day. and in-door games. Messre. Lane, Crawford although more particularly fitted for presents perhaps be excusable, if the refusal of the deceased had fractured his skull by the fall, and Co. have also a splendid assortment for sending home, would also form handsome gifts mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of mercantile people went in for the same in find the money and take the apperintendence of the same in find the money and take the same in find the same in find the money and take the same in find the money and take the same in find the sa Contral Government to allow the proposed and a vardict of application was returned, of electro-plated minkel silver ware. Here are for friends in the Colony.

of the strenuous efforts of Lt Hund-DRAMO not been noised abroad in almost every in saving life on several cognitions and takes with sent. With regard to the shibles displayed, this newspaper in the world and been made the text for innumerable expressions of disap- good work as a constable, was foreman of the pointment. But our scribe bas determined Fire Brigade, in which capacity be has rendered that there is a Chinese system of railways westerday both men were presented with teawiready in existence; hence such a detail as timonials by the members of the Police Force. the proposed metropolitan railway being P.C. MacDongall received a handsome silver tenrejected was not allowed to stand in his way. chain and locket. The presentation was made He proceeds :---

Other short lines followed. One was built from the portion of Leso Tong, thirty-five miles to the capital, there was a regular meeting of the Persever-Mounden, celebrated for its large trade and as being, once Lodge, for the purpose of installing the the last residence of the Manchoo sovereigns before Worshipful Muster, Wor. Bro. Reynolds, P.1 their conquest of China. Another from Shanghai, a treaty port, to Hangchau, another treaty port situated at the southern terminus of the Grand Canal, and thriving town of about 600,000 inhabitants. Another Orders through Local Post or by Telegram from Shanghai westward to Sn. chan, a city of 1,000,000 population, situated on the canal. It has an extensive trade and is celebrated throughout Chins for the plender of its buildings and the beauty of its terraces. and gardens. Lastly, there is another from Canton six miles out to Fat-chan, an iron-working town which has been called the "Birmingham of China."

The above extract has been reproduced verbatim et literatim, and it will be seen that the inventor has some idea of Chinese geography if his acquaintance with the nomenclature of the cities is rather imperfect, Obviously he has been poring over ancient maps with misspelt names studying obsolete gazetteers. To illustrate his subject a rough sketch map is given the centre of the article, on which the " rail. roads completed," "railroads authorized," and " railroads contemplated " are all traced. is the "completed" railroad from Canton tion in the United States. Mr. Wu does not to deal with the great trunk line to be built from Peking to Hankow, concerning injustice, ascribing the anti-Chinese movement which he indulges in a column of more or less amusing speculations interspersed with some rash assertions and some perfectly legitimate deductions on the basis that this scheme had been sanctioned by the Emperor, and which he has evidently gleaned from authentic newspaper sources. Directly however, heleaves the safe ground of secondhand information and ventures on an orig inal statement he exposes his complete ignorance, as for instance when he boldly says:-"Foreign loans will be negotiated to plant will be secured by contract." This statement is simply basarded upon the strength Senor Sagasta, is ill, and political affairs are of suggestions which have appeared in the Hongkong and China papers, ter no foreign loan has yet been decided upon, and it is notorious that the disinclimation of the Peking Government to negotiate one among the chief reasons for the delay in proceeding with the rather ambitious project evolved by CHANG CHIH-TURG, As a matter of course the writer does not fail to remark on the great field opening in China for railway enterprise, and herein perhaps the total loss of the American ship Reporter on is the principal source of the mischief may induce manufacturers and railway engineers in the United States to believe that

We inadvertently omitted yesterday to credit the Shanghai Mercury as the source of our infor-

availed of without delay, while the mober

exists in all Union, and that is the line from

Kaiping to Taku and Tientein. The only

other scheme, and that in nubibus at present,

is the proposed line from Lu-chi-kow near

Peking to Hankow, concerning which he

would be a sanguine man who would venture

to predict that it will be completed in the

next ten years. Meantime the other " short

The Hall & Holts C.-Co. Ltd. are now showing a fine selection of Baxony Tweeds for Suits, and Ulsters, suitable for the present cold

The Portuguese gunboat Tejo arrived at Manils on the 11th December from Timor, which she left on the 2nd. After coaling she was to leave for Hongkong.

The Agents (Mesers, Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Telamon, from Liverpool, left Singapore on Monday | for the buyer to reflect; it can only be a afternoon for this port.

The Agents (Messre. Adamson, Bell & Co. inform us that the Canadian Pacific S. S. Co. steamer Abyssina, with Canadian Mails, left Vancouver for Japan and Hongkong on the 14th

The Criminal Sessions open this morning at the Supreme Court. There are nine cases on Fraser Smith 7. Brandt, a case of forgery, one of murder, and one of escape from the chain gaug.

The following is the "order of the day " for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held at 3 p.m. to-day :--

We have to seknowledge receipt from Mesers.

Guedes & Co. of their Auglo-Chinese Date block for 1890 and a wall calendar with as a centre daring romances which inventive American habit, which, if never worn, at least lends itself to vivid illustration.

on fire at No. 10, Wyndham Street.

Chib-tung, with whom he was a favourite, and who will now have his services at Wuchang. Another act in a gheatly tragedy has been played out on the Execution Ground at Canton.

derer explated his orime with his head on the 15th

fell, striking his bead on the floor so violently mechanical toys are worth inspection by those Christmas show. The numerous articles of

extension from Tientsin to Peking, in spite | The Hougkong Police Force losse two good to be found every description of weeful and men, P.C. J. MacDougall and P.C. Johnson ornamental articles, some of which in satinreturning home after ten years service. P.C. Belilies medal. P.C. Johnson, in addition to toys. Everything that the most fastidious meritorious service. At the Police Barracks by Inspector Quincey.

> On Monday evening at the Masonic Hall there was a regular meeting of the Persever-The District Grand Master, Right Worshipful goods of nearly every description is to be found Brother C. P. Chater, performed the ceremony of installation, and was accompanied by a large number of District Grand officers. After ceremony those present sat down to a cold collstion, presided over by the Worshipful Master. The following officers were appointed :- I.P.M Worshipful Bro G. P. Jordan : S. W., Brog P. Brewitt: J. W. Bro. R. Markwick; Treas. Bro. R. B. Allen: Sec., Bro. J. W. Noble: S. J. R. Grimble.

corder and Missionary Journal contains a good deal of interesting reading apart from the Mising and in a lesser degree of tobacco. Missions in China," giving a list of the prohesitate to advocate retaliation on the part of in a spirit of moderation and shows a desire to acquit the American nation of intention to de

> REUTER'S TELEGRAMS. SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

LONDON, 15th December. ALARMING EPIDEMIC THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

Europe has reached London. In Berlin the Law Courts, Schools, and Theatres are closed.

FROM THE "MANIEA COMERCIO." MADRID, 10th December. meet the expenses of construction, and the ILLNESS OF THE SPANISH PREMIER The President of the Council of Ministers

consequently at a standstill. THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA ILL. The Emperor of Russia is ill. THE EPIDEMIC. Thospidemio vulgarly called transazois spread

ing throughout Europe." LOSS OF THE AMERICAN SHIP " REPORTER.

News was received from Singapore yesterday by Messre. Siemssen and Co., the charterers, o his lucubration is likely to cause, as it Singapore, but no further details are given well known on this coast. Her commander was there is an immediate opportunity to be 21st November for New York with a general cargo. The insurance, we believe, will chiefly whole arrangement of the interior has truth unfortunately is that only one railway fall on home offices.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOWS IN THE

Whatever other faults Hongkong may have it can hardly be said that the luxuries of life are not procurable here, always provided of course that one has the wherewithal to procure them And in assisting to make our Christmas in lines" exist only in the fertile imagination the East as comfortable and homelike as possible of the Chronicle specialist and on its "railwe owe much to the enterprise and energy dis. way map," which we would strongly recom- played by our local stores. One can hardly mend our Californian contemporary to frame realise after wandering through our chief stores and hang up in its office, first, however, add- here that one is so far from what is usually have also a special brand of eigers, which has just ing the word "future" as prefatory to the "the centre of civilization." In few places

purhaps of its size could such a display of things pleasing to the eye and tempting to the bookseller's; cigars, Christmas cards and fancy competition is wise or otherwise is not, however, source of benefit to him.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. still hold their own in every branch and show that lung years of success have not made them either careless or less enterprising. At the entrance to they have not disappointed expectations. The pieces. the store may be noticed some very fine easels whole of the three centre counters are covered and paintings, worthy the attention of those of with fancy articles in the way of workboxes, artistic tastes. Further on is seen a really writing deaks, inkstands, &c., and also some next handsome display in the way of ornaments for card caes, purses, and cigar boxes. One of the the table. Besides dessert sate, cutlery, &c., of latter is decidely novel, representing the front very handsome centreplaces and nower sets. As when rung lets fall a cigar from the bottom of Transactor House and tower sets. As when rung lets fall a cigar from the bottom of Transactor House and the late of t a fitting appendage to these same pretty menus the box, a little circular disk at the same time mentioned. The fancy leather goods department showing how many cigars still remain in the Bailey Street. Hesent out two or three constables time and cost a great deal of money at first and should attract those of both sexes with artistic box. The earpiece of the instrument is formed to see what the matter was. They returned with instance with a sexes with artistic box. The earpiece of the instrument is formed to see what the matter was. . First reading of a Bill catitled An Ordinance to and tablets and finity bells and gongs may be eyes, susceptible hearts, and—well, the pockets into a cigar outler. Equally worth notice is a need not be so well-filled, for there are some very very handy writing desk. When closed the false pretences and with assaulting her. prices. The Eiffel Tower, as was only to be the top and one of the sides fall down forming \$25 for five days. That was too much, and he is line to Chinking, up to which place our large. expected, plays a large part in this department, a desk, the remainder affording sufficient space and we see ash trays, calendars, seent cases, ink. for a large stock of writing material of every size with her. Bhe also wanted three months ad king route would cause the line to be the more stands, and numerous other articles all "built even up to foolsosp. There is also a very fine vance from him and threatened that if he did not expensive of the two. I think Honan is a maglast night, but luckily before the engines and that way." Another rather novel idea, suitable stock of Christmas cards, plaques, and photos give it her she would charge him with cheating nincent province; but it was little more than 1871. while others based on a central fact develop Brigade turned out it was reported that the for a lady's writing table, is a combination and pictures of well known actresses. receptacle for paper and envelopes and a calendar combined in a fire escape. But beyond these are His Excellency Cheng Shin-chung, the Act- workboxes, inkstands, paper weights, penholders, Christmas goods. In addition to the usual show elaborate article in the San Francisco Chro- ing Commander in-chief of the Land Forces at penwipers, purses, watchstands, &c., &c., all of Christmes cards, fancy articles &c., we notice formed into the most curious combinations and the firm has devoted a small portion of the store "A New China," and, after the fashion of troops in Hunan. It is believed that General varied devices imaginable. Hard indeed will to a tempting display of French confectionery, papers in the Anglo-Saxon Republic, it gives Cheng owes his appointment to H. E. Chang the purchaser be to please who cannot find and the usual supply of toys has been considersomething here to please his or her taste ably augmented. There are also some very And closely connected with this line an eye good paintings and prints, both framed and might also be thrown on the many little unframed, and here again we notice some large novelties here collected together to make the plaques, not only of heads, but embracing subjects. Trunk Line to be constructed from Peking Our readers may remember the sensational after diriner smoke more comfortable. While Some very neatly bound and small-aised prayer to Hankow." The writer, who has evid- murder of the abbot of Wa Lam Monastery, on the subject of the "weed," we may men- books also attract attention. tion that the brand of cigars "the Manilas" from diligent perusal of papers or inst., but the monk charged with instigating now being sold here can be strongly recommend. A very acceptable and cheep present for either books, sets out fairly enough. He reintes, the deed is still in gaol and will shortly be ed to lovers of a light, well-made eigar, in how or girl is the "Waterbury watch," which splendid condition. To do justice to the Toy at this time of the year usually has a large cale. Department it would be necessary to spend hours | We notice that the agents, the Mitsui Bussen ing the death of James Howrigan, a marine our novelties collected together here; a mere en- lent time-keepers to \$2.70.

lined morocco cases make a very handsome. pro

gourmand could suggest is here and we shoul even think a little beyond. The rapidity with which the enormous piles are being daily reduce seems to point to the fact that the quality of these articles has been found out without any recommendation. In conclusion it may be mentioned that besides a variety of Christmas decorations the firm has a large and varied stock of Christmas and New Year cards. Another very handsome display of Christman

at the Hall and Holtz Company's store. The Fancy Department is perhaps the most attractive to the eye and seems to draw most purchasars just now. In this department is a very fine collection of ingenious articles for children, and also handsome presents, both useful and namental, suitable to those of all ages. Here D., Bro. G. L. Tomlin; J. D., Bro. A. Shelton again we see some very pratty combinations in Hooper: I. G., Bro. J. Collinson, D. C., Bro. | leather and silver ware which are well worthy R. Burder; Steward, Bro. J. Lewis; Tyler, Bro. the inspection of intending purchasers. In the toy line already alluded to the firm have not been The December number of the Chinese Re- behind in securing such mechanical and other toys as are sure to attract attention. Coming under sion erticles, including an article by the Rev. this line are some conveniently-sized and portable J.E. Walker entitled "Come brothers, let us band organs, playing tunes grave and gay, which moke," in which the evils of opium smok- should find a ready sale. Smokers seem to form an important class to be catered for, to judge are descented on a paper on "Catholic from the very premisent place one finds given fessing Catholics, schools, churches, and mis- to articles for their use and comfort, and smokers monaries in each province; and a paper by Mr. will find among the many articles collected for In connection with this the funniest thing Wu Kung-pel on the Chinese Exclusion Ques- their benefit, sets, boxes, &c., to suit every taste and means. Close by are also collected some China by dismissing all Americans in Chinese very handsome presents for ladies in the shape of the sea coast nearly opposite to Hongkong | employment. Apart from this suggestion, which perfume bottles in cases, albums of every kind and Capital—In 1,250 shares of \$100 This imaginative journalist then proceeds is not made vindictively, the article is written for almost every purpose, dressing cases, jewel. cases, &c. We note that the firm has gone in largely this year in the way of sweetmeats and confection ery and a very tempting and well arranged display is made to show these goods to the best advantage. Accounts payable ...... The dress and millinery branch has always been a great feature with this firm, but-we are straid from our slight knowledge of these things, that we are unable to do justice to the large stock just arrived for this department. We can only my that even the masonline eye cannot fail to be at-An alarming epidemic which has spread over tracted by some of the things there shown, and the orders in this department which are coming in is the best proof that the stock is really as good as it looks. Although no special show i made of it, it may be noticed in passing that Messra. Hall and Holtz have a large and varied stock of furniture in the latest designs on view for those in want of anything in that line.

> Although perhaps the chief business of a Dispensary commences after the Christmas festivities, Messys. Watson and Company have determined not to be out of it with the other stores as regards some display, and this has taken the lighter and more attractive form of aweetmeats, scents, &c.; rather than the somewhat threatening one of drugs. On a table occupying nearly the whole centre of the store as a most tempting display of sweetments of all kinds, more particularly crystalized fruits, which this firm was, we believe, the first, to import into the Billiton Island. The crew had arrived safely at | Colony. On a smaller table are arranged some protty portuine bottles in nest red plush cases The Reporter was a ship of 1,286 tons and was and other small fancy articles, while one of the most striking points in the whole are three Captain Spalding. She left Hongkoug on the large glass cases containing row upon row of fact, as already mentioned, the effect of drivand pills can be procured when necessary in this establishment. It will be scarcely necessary, either we presume to moution for anyone's in formation, that the counter where pick-me-ups are dispensed retains its wonted position and use. Mesers. Watson are also showing a very good stock of Christmas cards, many of them taking painted the portraits of actresses and profes. answer for default, debt or mirearriage. sional beauties, in plush frames, with a movable back, so that they can be conveniently placed as ornaments on a table. The firm

The spacious shop next door to Dakin Bros. stomach be seen as is at present on view in our drug store offers them a splendid opportunity shops. In a ramble round one either requires of making a good show without in any the banking account of a Dives or the philos, way interfering with their ordinary business, ophy of a Diogenes; preferably, the former; for | while the large plate glass windows materially instead of exclaiming "How many things I do aid in this. The windows are well stocked with not want!", one far more frequently remarks scent bottles, liqueur stands, claret jugs, and "How many things I should like to buy!" An- numerous articles of the kind, some in electroother fact that strikes the store-reviewer is plated ware, but a good deal of it in solid, silver, the rapid tendency there is to obliterate the the whole presenting a very striking and pleasdistinctive marks of the various stores. One ing appearance. Inside, a circular show case finds dancing shoes and aweets for sale in a and a table are stocked with all kinds of sweetmeats, bonbons, &c., while the counter is coverarticles in a chemist's, and so on. Whether such ed with nick-nacks of all descriptions. We stock of eigers and spirits, of which their Scotch for itself.

Messrs. Kelly and Walsh can always trusted to make a good display and this year

Mr. W. Brewer has also a good stock of

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY. LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders, at the fifth ordinary gener I meeting, to be beld at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday next, the 21st instant, at 11 a.m. The General Managers beg to lay before the shareholders the annexed statement of secounts of the Com. pany for the year ended 30th November, 1889. The total receipts for the twelve months amount to \$20,080.35, but, as the shareholders are aware, the radio was entirely stopped from 29th May to uly, whilst the Line was undergoing the repairs rendered necessary by the damage caused by the laud-slip which took place on the 20th May, the loss to the Company so ownsed being estimated at some \$18,000. made up of the items under head of Suspense a\_count.....\$7.949.25,

Had it not been for this unfortunate occurrence the result of the year's working would have been eatis-CONSULTING COMMITTEE. On the departure of Mr. A. Findley Smith and Mr. James B. Coughtrie from the colony, Mesers, James Anderson and B. Layton ware invited to join the In accordance with rule 15 of the Company's article of association, the present members, the Honourable Byrie, and Mesers J. Anderson and B. Layton retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. AUDITORS. The secounts have been audited by Mr. R. Lyall who also offers himself for re-slection. MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,

and further expenses ....1.000.

General Managers. Hongkong, 16th December, 1889. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR END THE 30TH NOVEMBER, 1889. Concession and deed of grant Stock in hand at date ...... with collectors ...... 40.00 Suspense Cost of repairing damages caused by the landslip during the storm in May

Due the General Managers ...... \$148,622.5 WOBBING ACCOUNT. To Consulting Committee's and Auditor's.

By amount carried forward from last year.

o balance to profit and loss

Hongkong, 16th December, 1889.

17th December. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. BEFFEE MR. A. G. WISE, ACTING PUISU

SUPREME COURT.

JUDGE. LEUNG NGOI V. LEUNG KAU.

This was a claim for \$216 for money lent. Mr. G. J. Phillippo, instructed by Mr. A. Bodyk spreared for the plaintiff and Mr Bohinson for the defendant.

undertook to ship a number of coolies to Borneo for Mesers. Paetan & Co., who undertook to advance a certain amount of money for each coolie. Not having sufficient confidence however in the defendant they advanced the money to the ing from the mind that such a thing as drugs plaintiff who lent what was required to the dofendant. Defendant did not this the whole number contracted for and Messra. Pustan & Co. sued the plaintiff for the amount advanced to im sed obtained indement against him. Plaintiff now sought to recover from the defendant the amount due to him.

The defence set up was that the case came under Section 4 of the Statute of Frauds, that this arrangement between the two parties should the more useful form of plaques, on which are have been put in to writing if defendant had to His Lordship after hearing Mr. Robinson sand. ming up did not call upon Mr. Phillippe to reply but gave ju imment for the defendant with costs.

> POLICE COURT. 17th December.

BEFORE HON. H. E. WODEHOUSE.

OBTAINING MONEY BY A TRICK. Li Tsoi was charged with attempting to obtain money from Wan Fun by means of a trick. Road Central. There he met two men of whom | think, could be constructed at a cheap rate, defendant was one. One of the men threw down but do not forget that in many places this road who had dropped a parcel of money. Witness picked it up and opened it. The two men wantnote also that Messrs. Dakin Bros. have a good the 16th inst. at 7.30 p.m. he was on duty in the sands show that in the rainy season nearly a Queen's Hoad. He saw plaintiff quarrelling with | wile or sometimes more must be covered by the whickey is already establishing a reputation matter, plaintiff told him, and gave defendant in charge. He asked defendant where the parcel alluded to was and defendant said he knew no. by hand so that only moderately sized bridges thing of any such thing. Witness looked for the parcel and found it on the ground. It contained a copper dollar and some ten cent copper

Defendant, who admitted five previous convictions, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour. CHARGE OF ORTAINING MONEY UNDER PALER

Chui Po, storekeeper, was brought up on remand, charged with obtaining \$200 from Chan

Defendant was committed for trial.

CORRESPONDENCE. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions

expressed by our Correspondents. HIGH LIVING. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

reason why we who pay them should encourage, and steel in all its branches. I formerly recomextravagance. It is reply was, like yours, that mended you to scoopt the offer of ----who would crease in expenses. To make his argument all the work and material on commission, their Steam Navigation Company, under pressure.

stronger, I suppose, he came down to clerta the guaranteed by the Government stronger. I suppose, he came down to ciert. The property way is to employ one in whom you have and whom do you think he instanced? A possible way is to employ one in whom you have person who recently discovered that "now a the considered you plans, specifications, time for disappearing and another who one the considered much inferior to that, of "a man in your of for the Durchase of the meaning your of the meaning that the the state of the meaning that the state of t

I have not a recent issue of the "Colonial quipk to superintend the work. A man Office List at hand, but doubtless you have to make these plans, and specifications for large and if you will compare the official salaries iron and steel works would charge you from in Hongkong, with those in most other 22. 2100, perhaps as high as £300 for them alone. louiss, many of which are much less com- Then as to estimates; if only estimates are fortable places to live in, you will find wanted from first class makers, probably a sum of that the Hongkong ones are abnormally high. 250 more or less would be charged; but without In old days, when the expense of living was much | first class plans and specifications based upon a higher and Hongkong was more of a place of knowledgeof the whole of the materials and of the exile, there was some excuse for the big sums place where the works are to be erected, no estimates paid. I think that the salaries sadly need read- are worth snything, because you don't know the justing, and some of them should be increased, quality of the material the machinery may be but a large proportion require reducing. The made of, nor how it would be made. In addition dollar is going to rise you bet and if you in- to first class plans and estimates next comes

BRING THEM DOWN: Hongkong, 17th December, 1889. THE DISTRICT ROADS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS DEAR SIR,-In your issue of yesterday the Surveyor General is deservedly commended for clearing a piece of ground at Breezy Point which is used by the boys of the Diocesan Home School and other children, for purposes of re-

Now. Sir. there are a great many grown boys, i.e. young men in the Colony who take their exercise and recreation in the shape long walks all over the Island, and if the Surveyor General could see his way to repair the best known roads, say, Tytam Road from the head of Race Course to Stanley, and thence to Aberdeen via Telegraph Bay and little Hongkong, he would confer a great boon on the class of persons I refer to and be highly commended 112.00 for so doing. The roads K mention are a disgrace to such a well formed Public Works Dapartment Staff as we have or are supposed to have. Those roads used to be kept in fairly good \$146.622.58 order, but now they are entirely neglected and going to ruin all for the want of a little attention.

The number of people who make use of these roads in the manner referred to are quite numerous, and I trust the Surveyor-General will do something towards getting the roads which have cost so much money and labour to cul, put into the same good order that they were in the time of his predecessor.—Yours faithfully.

4 MILES AN HOUR, Hongkong, 17th December, 1889.

THE PROSPECTS OF RAILWAY CON-STRUCTION IN CHINA.

The Peking correspondent of the N. C. Daily Nows writes :- The question of railway construct tion is still simmering in the official mind. There are those who positively declare that an Edict has been issued for the construction without delay of the Hankow line or at least a portion of it, that is from Lu Kow Chico to Paoting fu, and that the Edict has first been submitted to H.E. the Vicercy Li, after which it will find its way to the Admiralty Board. We cannot altogether credit these rumours but this we can safely aver: that the Government has not abandoned the idea of constructing the Hankow line and that it is only awaiting the arrival of the late Canton Vicercy at Wuchang to take up the subject. An old Tientsin resident now at home, who once made the journey from Hankow to Poking on a wheelbarrow, sends me the following notes in a letter by last mail, referring to the news received pire, postal affairs, and the question of telegraat home of the Emperor having not only sanctioned the above line but having given orders for its immediate construction. His first advice is to get. a thorough survey made by competent hands of the road intended to be taken. "Make plans and get specifications and estimates for the work. and above all, let the work be done under competent foreign civil and mechanical engineers, honest and sober men. I have seen numerous works in China which from their outward appearance ought to have stood; but they had given way, and then was shown the hollowness The case for the plaintiff was that defendant and instability of the different works. instance, there was the stone embankment on the Hwen river, a little below Lu-kow Chiao (bridge) on the south side. This embankment appeared very strong, the stones being clamped with iron. When E and I visited it immediately after the disaster, I saw at once that the stones wer more facing and that behind this stone facing. instead of solid masoury or concrete, there had been nothing but loose rubble stones of small size, not bound together in any way, although mountains of limestone were within a few miles of the several villages were swept away, crops destroyed in the establishment of a Dominion Parliament. over a large district, and several lives lost, and The necessary additional powers could be all this because the work was unfaithfully done. Numerous bridges I have seen in Chihli as well

at the broken arches, the cause of the break I the colonies were ripe for the great changes saw to be that there was no foundation to which would be involved in the establishment the bridges. On the bridges again, I found of a central executive power. where the arches had parted asunder from the top, the cause being want of foundation on the one hand and on the top loose small stones without any binding of concrete or cement. Any one who takes the trouble of looking at these scenes of ruin when travelling will see the cause of it at a single glance. The shape and form of mental philosophy. the bridges and embankments was all that could be desired; but the unfaithful carrying Complainant, a shopkeeper, said that on the would not be seen, caused its ruin. The addressing the Institute of Engineers, spoke in lout of the work, when it was supposed 16th inst. at 7,30 p.m. he was walking in Queen's road along the plain of Chihli, one would terms of praise of the vast engineering works in parcel close to him and asked him if it was he will have to be raised on account of the heavy rain waters from the mountains, and numerous small bridges for openings for this rain water must be made even on the plain. On crossing for returning it to him. He refused and gave the rivers and streams you will perceive in many mission. Sir Henry James, counsel for the Times, defendant in charge. The other man ran away, places that while in the dry season the stream is commented upon what he regarded as Mr. Ching Tu, District Watchman, said that on only a few yards or even a few feet wide, yet the Parnell's base and dishonourable deception in he defendant. On his going to see what was the waters. Such is the case amongst others at the Lo River, between the Yellow River and Honanfo. Nearly all these waterways could be managed would be necessary. Crossing the Yellow River where I crossed it, no expensive bridges would be necessary. A single arch of considerable width would span the main stream on the north side. with stone arches on the island, leaving only one foundation to be made in the stream on the south side, this stream having but little or no current and we reach Hankow there is a good deal of loose for the purpose of testing a torpedo, of which he but about six feet depth of water. Again, before land which must be either raised by embank is the inventor, is parleying with the British ment or masonry, but the whole work presents and Russian Governments for the adoption of about 9.30 p.m. he was in the charge room, when length of time it may take to finish the railway revolving at the top and throwing up a number he heard cries of "Save life" from a house in Old from Peking to Hankow. It will take a long charged him with obtaining money from her under | tional importance. It will give you food supplies from south to north with which no one could Defendant stated that he gave complainant possibly interfere: the same could not be said of to give him the money back and he had a row tion; the numerous waterways also by the Chin-The rebels had impressed the men, who did not again return; and while the province could ow three crops in a year, they only took off whole question depended upon the rank and file. the land one grop, for, as the farmers said, they could neither eat it nor sell it—and that at the time of the famine in Shanghai, the adjoining

"I see there is a talk of getting iron from Shansi for the railway. This is an impossibility at present without a road or railway from the S1B,-While I at once admit the very clear Shansi mountains to the plain. I went through and fair way in which you discuss the question Shansi from Honan, climbing a precipitous mounof the salaries of the public servants, especially tain wall of about 2,500 feet. On going north from the view of the officials, I think your con- I saked many of the Chinese travellers if they cluding argument is weak, I may even be allowed knew of no way out of Shansi on to the plain of to say more than weak. Because a merchant is Chihli. The reply was that they did not know successful and chooses to go in for high living at of any such way, and so they crossed the mounthe Peak or increase his expenses in any other tains from south to north all the way on the way way, it seems to me no reason why the officials, to the plain. No animals save donkeys were em. many of whom are not successes, should be paid ployed in carrying either iron or coal amongst the very exceptional incomes earned by those the mountains. If you want Chinese native iron, who are. You ignore all the unsuccessful mer- go to Peng-o'heng, right on your line of railway cantile and other people, and you also omit to and possessing every requisite for the manufacstate that the morehant takes risks which the ture of iron and steel. No other place can supefficial does not, and that the former gets no ply it. It is within five miles also of a navigable pension while the latter does. I was yesterday streem. P engcheng seems made for such work colony as suggested by Sir J. G. Lee Steere: discussing this question with an official and and placed in the most central spot for railway-

machinery and the wages of the men re-

crease the salaries now you will find it very superintendence while making, and last of all inspection after all is finished and before shipment. Government inspectors would charge a large sum, but ordinary inspection by competent mechanical engineers would be sufficient if the work is done under inspection by first class men according to first class specifications. The way the Chinese mandarius are lately reported to have set to work to get estimates, pitting one against another, is a plan that would probably land them with inferior machinery on hand-stan not worth the carrying to Chium; for some people in England will make and sell you enything and of any quality you like. First class workers come yery near each other in their prices, and from these they will not and comnot abate without less to themselves; but there are others who will be prepared to give you any allowance you ask, like the Russian agents here who demand from 9 to 10 per cent for themselves, which is all charged to the cost of the estimates and does not appear in the accounts. An honest shipbuilder on the Olyde was asked by a firm in Loudon the cost of a vessel for the Chinese Government; it was estimated the price was so much. The firm wanted from the builder 10 per cent. which he was to pay them and charge in his account : but it was not to appear in the account. The builder himself told me that he told this London firm that he did not do business in that way. You get his account for each net and the firm might charge what they liked; and knowing the parties in London and China, I can believe the story told me by the shipbuilder. In

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

a future letter I may return to this subject."

The E & A steamer Catterthun arrived here yesterday from Australia. The following tele grams are from papers bought on by her :-IMPERIAL PEDERATION. LONDON, 15th November.

A great meeting was held at the Mansion House to-night to support the City of London Brauch of the Imperial Federation League. The Lord Mayor, Sir Henry Aaron Isaaos,

A resolution was carried in favour of the summoning of another colonial conference in London at an early date. The Earl of Rosebery, who was one of the. speakers, said that the colosial sympathy displayed in Australia towards the dock labourers lately on strike in London, and also at the time

of the Soudan campaign, indicated the true unity of the Empire. The existence of the federal movement depended on the periodical renewal of colonial conferences at which the proper aubjects to be considered were the defences of the Em-

The Earl of Carnaryon also delivered a speech. He expressed the hope that the federation scheme would be submitted to the next colonial con-

ference in London. The Times, in commenting upon last night's meeting at the Mansion House, says that the promoters of the federation solume are forcing the pace. It considers that at present there is little ground for a practical agitation on the question. They must await the result of the federation movement in Australia before it could be prudent or profitable to take any further

The Standard also expresses the opinion that there is nothing at present to demand a colonial conference in London. ADELAIDE, 20th November.

Sir Henry Loch, before sailing for Capetowa to-night, was interviewed upon the question of Australian Federation. He said that he looked upon the Federal Council as a means towards the desired end, and he was of opinion that it its membership were increased and greater powers were given it would ultimately result obtained through the Queen-in-Council. He had not the slightest doubt that ultimately a as at other places during my travels, where the Dominion Parliament would be an accomplished work was scamped in like manner. On looking fact, but it was hard to say whether at present

> LONDON, 11th November. Fifteen applications have been received for each of the new professorships to be established at the University of Sydney under the Challis bequest, in law, history, austomy, and logic and

ENGINEERING WORKS IN THE COLONIES. LONDON, 11th November. Sir John Coode, the eminent engineer, in there for continuous progress in the science and practice of engineering.

THE PANELL COMMISSION. London, 12th November At to-day's sitting of the Times-Parnell Com-RENEWAL OF BOYCOTTING IN IRELAND.

London, 12th November. A violent outburst of boycotting has taken place in the South of Ireland. RESIGNATION OF THE BISHOP OF DOVER. LONDON, 14th November-The Right Rev. Dr. E. Parry, Suffragan Bishop of Dover, has resigned in consequence of

THE NEW TORPKDO. LONDON, 14th November. Mr. Murphy, of Victoria, who was reported to be arranging for the formation of a syndicate

THE LIBERAL PROGRAMME. LONDON, 14th November. The Earl of Rosebery; speaking at Liverpool stated that the Liberal programme included the

The Standard denies that England is weary of the visits of Australian cricketers, or that their visits are injurious to the success of coun-

ty orioket THE UNIONISTS AND CONSTRUCTIVES. LONDON, 14th November. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, in addressing a meeting at Liverpool, spoke in favour of a fusion of the Liberal Unionists, with the Conservatives. Mr. Goschen considered that the

LONDON, 15th November. Ex King Milan, of Servis, has agreed to Queen Natalie freely visiting her son, King-Alexander, on condition that the consideration of political questions is excluded.

ANOTHER ATLANTO CABLE. "LORDON, 14th November. A Canadian Atlantic cable from Clew Bay. Ireland, to Greenly Island will be laid shortly. RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT FOR WESTERN

AUSTRALIA. LONDON, 15th November. The Times publishes a letter from Sir T. Cockburn-Campbell, on the question of the granting of a constitution under responsible gevernment to Western Australia. The writer suggests that all unoccupied and unassigned territory in the colony ought to remain under Im-

perial control until handed over to a federal Goveriment in trust for an Australian Dominion. The Times considers that the division of the IRISH TENANTS LEAGUE. LONDON, 19th November. Mr. Crake has advised the Irish Tenante De-

ferms League not on any account to break the law. The stevedores in the employ of the General

LONDON, 14th November. The General Steam Navigation Company have Mostost connected to the stevedores in their employ payment for most times.

LONDON, 15th November. The dook labourers' strike committee have voted £2,300 towards the funds of the dock is. bourers' Union. The finance committee, who were appointed during the late strike, will be dissolved on Saturday. Mr. John Aird, M.P. for North Paddington.

suggests the appointment of a Royal Commission sion to report on the labour question, with a view to the creation of courls of arbitration. LONDON, 15th November. The dook labourers strike committee have losed the accounts of receipts and disburse-

total receipts from Australia amounted to the Solutions of the Muglish trade unions contributions of the Muglish t Owing to the minera' strike at Broken Hill

having ended satisfactorily Mr. John Burns has decided not to romit £1,000 from the surplus funds. The question as to the disposal of the 25.000 remaining on hand will be decided on Wednesday, subject to the approval of the denors. The earnings of the Tilbury Duck labourers have increased from 4s, to 6s, per week, while in some instances the men at the other docks are earning from 8s. to 13s. a week more. The Dock Labourers' Union now numbers 30,000 men.

LONDON, 16th November. have susp aded their trade to Boulegne, owing to the action of the stevedores in demanding in-

creased rates of pay.

LONDON, 19th November. coastal traffic at an early date.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

The banometer has fallen and gradients continue steep for

W. DOBERCK. Hongkong Observatory, 17th December, 1889.

NEWS FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

OFFICIAD SALARIES AND THE COST OF LIVING IN HONGKONG.

The report of the Commission appointed The General Steam Navigation Company to consider the question of an increase to the salaries of public officers has been pubgarda the cost of living generally, it has The General Steam Navigation Company and within the last ten years increased 20 per the London and Coastwise Companies, in couse cent. for Europeans and 10 per cent. for officials the means of participating in it. quence of the labour disputes in connection with Ohinese. Rent, they say, has increased from the shipping trade, threaten a suspension of the 100 to 150 per cent. for European houses and 100 per cent. for Chiuese bouses; in servants' wages there has been a rige of from 10 to 15 per cent.; imported articles have increased in price; the cosk of medical atofficers who have families to maintain or season. Apart from the pleasures and amuse—I hardly expected to see the reef under any day she was further allowed to have gone 18 miles were served to the visitors. The conversation the hope that the Chinese will furnish a suitprivilege of remitting at the par of exchange each and all of our readers in their own families was on deck myself the whole time till the the wind was falling and the ship "breaking off" 3 to 34 catties it decreased purchasing power of the dollar ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain ment in store for us in common, an entertain determined to pass to the course of the united the the whole time fill the custody and care of incurables. An interdetermined to pass to the course, which are now agitating all foreigners in the custody and care of incurables. An interdetermined to pass to the course, which are now agitating all foreigners in the custody and care of incurables. An interdetermined to pass to the southward of the Prates
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| Kept in define the safety of As a second control of the country of the second country of the se pay from Imperial tonds the action the part that this this omission to have been an error in judg. steamer Preussen, by which he travelled up from match in consequence of their loss. The bong

in dollars. On the other hand the gurrency gentlemen, to fill the places of fourteen princi- westerly current I had a very strong north. fore new returned to him. come out intending to spend the best part of their lives here, their private accounts are kept in silver, and all their calculations the massing in the midst of the continued to do so for some time, and we had to the continued to do so for some time, and we had to J. W. McFarl of income and expenditure are based on the rush of business to which we are accustomed here. cast off. At midnight it was blowing very local currency. In the event of a gradual This speaks well for the energy and tact dis- heavily. We tried to heave to. At daylight rise of the dollar, which seems not improbe played by those at the head of this undertaking, next morning, we saw the other boat about half able, officers would feel themselves very and at the same time it also testifies to the zeal a mile to the leeward. We could not get very inuch aggrieved if their salaries in dullars and interest bestowed on their parts by each and close to him, but we saw him and he waved his were year by year cut down. Moreover, all of the performers. the line drawn by the Commission between "cilicers selected in England or holding early in the spring of this year, the preliminaries have to and lying N.E. of us. It was about positions which are usually filled up by having been settled at a meeting of about a seven a m. when we were alongside of him. It officers so selected" and officers " who as a dozen gentlemen held at "Arcadia," the Stage blew strong at day and there was a tremendous class may be deemed to be domiciled in Manager's beautiful residence, and the help cross sea. At four o'clock we set a little sail. the East" is a very indefinite one, then promised has been, with scarcely an ex- All that night there was a high confused sea. and it will be a somewhat difficult and ception, heartily given throughout by every. We continued to get along slowly until 2 a.m. invidious task to say in particular cases whether an officer should have his pay

be an increase stall, 20 per cent, is perhaps not the sketches for the scenery, and the pain east end of Lema island we had made. The structed by Mr. Webber, watched the case for too much. But the report of the Civil Service ting thereof was promptly commenced. A tre- junk took us in tow. At 12 noon it was calm, the plaintiff. Commission, conveys rather an erroneous im- and wings, had to be done. And here we may here about 3 p.m. on the 27th. The whale boat Henry Ernest Wodehouse, a Police Magistrate has not been heard of since, although a search The writ was dated the 3rd July, 1889, and the list is given of the sataries attached to cer- exhibited on any stage of the Far East than the has been made for it by H.M.S. Cockchafer. petition was filed on the 3rd inst. He applied tain wffices in 1860 and in 1889, showing that transformation scene, designed and painted by My compasses were tested a year and under section 31 of the code and he should ask pay of those officers as estimated in dollars. The book of words, which is for sale at the them then. I found no deviation in them on nisi. been increased, while in all but two instances, different booksellers of the colony, has been this voyage. The mate did not check my work there has been a decrease (amounting in partly localized and the performance will in that while he was said up I had nobody to do that thirty-two cases to over 25 per cent.) in the which have been made by the Hall and Holtz the 'tween deck beams, and she was entirely dispay as estimated in sterling." At first sight Company, are exceptionally pretty and becoming. this seems to make out the case for an inctease incontrovertibly. On looking into quinade, the part of Columbine having been en. cluded from observation the water was level inthe list, however, we find that all the personal trusted to Mademoiselle L'Etoile, around whose, allowances have been omitted, and it is the person profound mystery reigns. The music is salary attached to the office, not the total bright and lively, we hear, and has been well received by the man, that is given. No mention is made, either, of the plurality of offices. Thus, to take an instance, we find the Police the community at large will, wa hope, give it all Magistrates' salary put down at \$3,800, the support and reward the performers with crowded sterling equivalent in 1860, being £800 and houses. in 1889 £584. But the Hon. H. E. Wody. House, one of the Magistrates, also draws pay as Acting Colonial Treasurer, as Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, and as Coroner, with two allowances for chair

coolies-one as Superintendent of the Fire Brigade and one as Coroner. Mr. the resolution passed at the meeting of the 27th Worksousz performs the duties of all these November. There were present Measure. offices very efficiently; we mention his case McCulloch (Chairman), E. Jones Hughes, J. H. ing that a statement of the salaries attached Lyall (Secretary). to particular offices is very far from convey. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the resolution

increase of 50 per cent. only, which we think is much nearly content to live in terrace who were formerly content to live in terrace how and noticed that we who were formerly content to live in terrace how and noticed that we who were formerly content to live in terrace had changed and howard at the current had changed and howard at the current. During he was a very neavy sea.

Thomas SuithEA. B., said he was at the wheel from two to four on the afternoon of the day the ship struck. They were steering a course N. W.

Chon over 100,000 trees have already been felled, ship Nyloh w found the Captain had made an error of judgment but did not deal with his car-

but that is the estimate given in Mr. Mir. residents at the Peak it is perhaps not very tried to get an observation but failed, the sun-ship struck. much in excess, though no doubt an out- being observed. I called the boatswain and side estimate. However, if merchants go to asked him how the wind, had been during the live at the Peak it is but reasonable that afternoon. He said it had been light and official ought to be enabled to live in a ent classes of the non-official part of the the chart about eighteen miles N. W. of the full cargo of timber.

FORTHCOMING PANTOMIME IN BONGNONG.

It was the less determined that sterling going to the Pantoning was hazy, maturely abandoned and after the casualty all the gentlemen connected with the new German ner Thompson, R. A., the second of the victims should be allowed as for an possible from quantities the ibdescribed feel with a light wind a heavy sea coming over the steps were taken that the circumstances perbe honecessarily reverine to an aban the Christmes pantomime; wanted the boats put out, but I persuaden them morning to wait till morning. The following morning parently all well by the master in the other boat. I doned system and would be attended and merriment breaking forth on all sides of about eight o'clock the mate's boat left with six Unsuccessful search has been made for her by with a 11 good, deal of difficulty. The the house like first the curtain, seamen beside the mate. The arrangement was H. M. S. Cockchafer. She was in charge of the 6. of the Army and Compler Service For the non-Billian strengen on that they should go off and then wait for me. mate, John Briggs, and contained six seamen in vatory by Mr. Geo. Corner. On the 10th inst. having come first to the Colony in 1869, and has is entirely different from that of the Civil munity the country th Berrants of this Colony. Officers of the entirely new, as on the stage of no other north. I was rather suprised to see this. About perly found.

The A. D. C. having once decided to give a all right. He was hove to and we were drifting

Christmas Pantomime, preparations were begun away from him. Last time I saw him he was still one concerned. As soon as the necessary gua- on the 27th, when we sighted land. We got rantee fund had been signed by a number as close to it as we could and then hove to till of gentlemen, to whom special thanks are due morning, when we saw a Chinese junk. I adjusted according to a sterling basis or re- orders were sent home for those costumes and thought we were to windward of Hongkong, but sundry articles which could not be procured the junk people gave us to understand that we licitor, appeared to make an ex parts motion on As to the emount of increase, if there is to here. A beginning was also made at once with were to leeward of it. I found out it was the behalf of the defendant; Mr. G. J. Phillippo, in

Much fun is to be expected from the Harle-

arranged by Mesers. Hill (Bandmaster of the 91st), Lightwood, and May, We wish the Pautomime every success, and

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in

proval may be promptly given. If not to the 112.25 N. long 119.8 E. supposed to be Busanga boats were in company for some time. I do not exact details of the scheme at least to the Island. On this day I discovered that the know when we lost night of the mate's boat, but general principle, we think will be the trussband had turned round on the fore- it was not the same day. She seemed all right general desire of the community. Officials must We attempted to right this without when we last saw her. It was in the merning, the Peking Gazette:—In. continuation of Literary Society was held on the 12th inst., the have not suffered to the extent Mr. mate went aloft to superintend this and by recollection she had a little sail on, and I think an account of the progress which has been made large an element in middle class education?"

The left to superintend this and by recollection she had a little sail on, and I think within the last three years in effecting the subshow, but taking into consideration between the truss and the mast and he was ob. provisions in the boats. There were about jugation of the Litribes in Hainan and the mea- on the 14th inst. An amateur concert was given both the fall in exchange and the in- liged to lie up. He was the only certificated the same provisions put in the whale boat as in sures he has taken to develop the resources of at the Lusitano Club on the 14th inst, in aid of crossed cost of living, the present scale officer I had. On the 24th November I found the other, and she had most, sails, cars, and the island. The Lis, he represents, have at last the Orphans of the West Point Reformatory. of pay is undoubtedly inadequate. In the we were in lat. 17.43 N. long. 119.58 E. I was everything required. The mute had met with an | been reduced to a state of quiet, and to ensure | telegram from San Francisco received on the 16th increased cost of living the largest item is some distance from Cape Bolingo and considered accident and been laid up for a few days. He was their remaining under proper control, eight sta- inst. by the Punjom Mining Company with an rent, which the Commission say have increase imposed for enough to fetch Housekong. I found jambod between the foreyard and the mast, tions have been established in different parts of offer for the unsold portion of the estate had the ed from 100 to 150 per cent. for European the Luzon coast. We had strong winds and struck, but he was able to move about a little, dred soldiers each. At various points on the tion was made to Captain W. H. Smith, of the boules land between the Chinese and save about a little, boules land between the Chinese and save at the appringers and officers on that we had a northerly ourrent setting us up He was not all right again at the time the ship their country, with garrisons of a score to a hun- effect of booming the shares. A presentahouses and 100 per cent. for Chinese houses, beavy rain that night with a cross, choppy sea. and was capable of taking charge of a boat. but the instances mentioned by the Hon. C. This I took as an indication of the N.W. out-P. CHATER in his note to the Colonial Sp. rent, which from the sailing directions I expected the whale boat there was not very much wind, gradually increasing exchange of commodities is traordinary meeting of the Hongkong Hotel oretary, published-with the report, show an ito find there. At 10 am. on the 25th Novem. but there was a very heavy sea.

ward of the reof, and then haul her in again, and was there abandoned. originally been fixed one sterling beas when the country of the conservation of the collar was worth at the same worth of the conservation being control of the conservation of the conser

hand to us signifying, I supposed, that he was

mantled. The hatches were not started; all the of Balmain, Australia.

water came in from below. Before I left I conside and out. By Lieut. McFarlane-I never corrected my the 18th day of May, 1889, in the steamer Chang Sha correction. I was perfectly sutisfied of my pocorrection. I was perfectly satisfied of my position in shaping a course for Hongkong. The inquiry was adjourned till Monday morn.

ing at half-past ten o'clock. The Court of Inquiry into the loss of the main street on foot to the Police Station and he was British ship Nylghau resumed the inquiry on the 16th inst., when the following evidence was being one Arthur Edward Bold Hornbuckle, a bank Henry Court said—I was bostswain of the Australia, with £2,200, made against the plaintiff, Nulchan. I was on the articles as able seaman. the above Company was held at the Hotel on I remember the afternoon of the 25th Novem-

the 16th instant for the purpose of confirming ber. The ship was then standing across from Luzon. I had the afternoon watch. The capn tain told me to be careful of the course he gave me and to look out for the stearing. We were plaintiff. not with any idea of suggesting that he re- Cox, E. George, C. A. Ozorio, H. T. Green, W. steering a course N. W. when I went on deck. ceives too much, but for the purpose of show. H. Gaskell, H. T. James, Chun Lun, and R. The yards were not quite sharp up. She was making her course when the captain went below. defendant, the Chief Superintendent of Police, who The captain came on deck about a quarter past stated in Court to the defendant that the plaintiff did ing a correct idea of the emoluments received from the 27th November for the alteration of the emoluments received from the 27th November for the alteration of the emoluments received from the ledes an effect never flude himself so hard worked but what he can accept another office if the but what he can accept another office if the motion was carried unanimously and the later if pay attached to if. On the whole, while the dollar has been declining, the time. I came on deck again at air oclock. She was the attering west and continued on the course after that time. I came on deck again at air oclock are conjected by the consequence of the store of the samples year—on the re-organisation of the depart. S. Victor Emanuel; Captain—W. H. Smith, of watch. When I heard the report of breakers The plaintiff claims \$1,000 damages and the costs Mercury. ment and in anticipation of the Secretary of the Arabic, Captain Farrand, of the Propostis; ahead I came out at once. I cannot say of this action. State's approving a general increase, is Captain Robb, of the Strathearn. The follow what was being done then. I did not Mr. Stokes, continuing, submitted that raised to \$7,992. In Mr. Brown's case the ing evidence was taken:

increase must be looked upon as an increase was taken. I am Captain of the British ship Nylghau. I hold certificate of in exchange or increased cost of living. The competency as master No. 1996. The Nylghau instituted and the facts was nothing to show any mater where the Magistrate had to deal with the Nacewen, the report of the Company may be expected on the Tientsin line.

houses at \$40 to \$50 a month (at present that now I had at S. W. current. During December on to M. W. When the captain came on deck the yards business with great activity. The amount of tificate. Telegraphic information has been re-860 to \$75) now want to live at the Peak in had been gradually getting less. At noon on had been braced up and the sails were shiver- land reclaimed in the Chang-has, Lin-Kao, ceived of the loss of the American ship Reporter muses costing \$100 a month and upwards, that day I found I was in lat. 20.16 N. and my ing in the wind. When witness was relieved and districts represents several thousands of mu, bound from Hongkong to New York. and to do so have to keep a much forencon observation but me in long. 118. E. she was still beading the same and she was just. while the rich copper mines of Ta-Yon Shan. Mr. C. C. Malsob, of the Surveyor-General's larger number of servants. A pre- I had up to this time been steering N. W. by full. Witness was on deck again from six to have been opened at great expense by a merchant department, returned to the Colony by the vious generation would have thought N., but directly after eight bells I found she eight, but was not at the wheel. About a quar- named Chang Ting-thun. Just as this pioneer steamer Glenshiel, after leave of absence. an expenditure of \$100 a month for servants would not head a y higher than N. W. I told for a private house outrageous extravagence, the steersman to keep her N. W. She was be-from the most head. Witness did not hear any labours and within sight of a rich vein of ed to this Colony on the 16th instant by the C. ing steered at that when I went below at 1,30 order given to the man at the wheel. The order mineral, the sides of the mine chved in and N. steamer Tsinan, from his tour of inspection chell-Innes's table of expenses, and for p.m. I had a nep and came on deck again at 3.40 was given to haul the yards round, and they entirely closed up the opening. Nothing daunted of the Ausstralian defences. by his failure, Chang is meditating the sinking. The mortality returns for

This closed the evidence. The Court found as follows:-

We find that the British ship Nylghou, offi the higher officials should be enabled to do unsteady. He had logged the ship twice; cial number 80617, of Yarmouth, N.S. of which so too, and in the same way the autordinate the first time she was going five knots, the Watson Baker Butler, whose certificate of com. second time four, and said that she had made her petency as master is 1990 of Canada, was master, CHANG CHIH-TUNG IN SHANGHAI. course N. W. till the moment I came on deck. left Singapore on the 1st November, 1889, bound style corresponding with that of the equival- About four o'clock I marked off a course on for Hongkong with a crew of 17 all told and a

Christmas is getting close at hand again and there till the sun went down and see if he could court on the subject, that at noon on the 25th the interchange of purely formal compliments on pital proposed by Dr. Kerr, in the founding of increased in price; the cost of medical attendance has increased; and two the case of once more in the midst of the gay and festive fifteen minutes and said nothing was to be seen. 20.16 N. and leng. 118 E. That at 4 p.m. on that

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, President of the J. W. McFARLANE, Nav. Lieut. R.N. JOHN ROBB: W. M. SMITH, R.N.R.

SUPREME COURT. 13th December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

G. WISE, ACTING PUISN LEMM v. WODEHOUSE.

Committee, attached to the report of the mendous piece of work this, considering that We were then west of Lamma Island, and we took Mr. Stokes said this case arose from a writ of Commission, conveys rather an erroneous im- about a dozen new scenes, together with flies to our cars and pulled to Hongkong, arriving summons by John Ferdinand Lemm against

> a half ago. There was no deviation in his Lordship under that Section to grant a-rule The petition, which was read, is as follows respect afford much amusment, whilst the dresses, When I left the ship she was full of water to siding at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, formerly an assistant with Mr. E.H. Buchanan, Mayor 2.—The defendant is one of the Police Magistrates

or Victoria, Hongkong, aforesaid, and resides at the 3.—The plaintiff arrived in this Colony on or about Police charging the plaintiff with largeny of £2,200 within the invisdiction of the Government of Victoria.

by the constable a considerable d stance through the City as a guard of honour, fired a salute, which there detained in a cell till one o'clock, when he was taken to the Hongkong Police Court, and a charge of The defendant remanded the case until the 25th day | under its very nose, the horse made a plunge | 5.—On or about the 19th of May last the plaintiff's solicitor having received instructions to defend the

plaintiff thereupon caused enquiries to be made and found that a mistake had been made in agreeting the 6.-On or about the 20th, the plaintiff's solicitor plied to the defendant to release the plaintiff, and

Hongkong Observatory, 17th December, 1899, of the Secretary of State, That that ap- On the 16th November we sighted land in lat. fore we did. After leaving the ship the two which the rule would be returnable.

PROGRESS IN HAINAN.

horder land between the Chinese and savage ter- steamer Arabic, by the engineers and officers on By Lieut McFarlane-When we last saw ritory, market places have been opened and a the occasion of his leaving that vessel. An extaking place. Considerable advance has been Company. Limited was held on the 16th inst. A

of new shafts cisowhere. Prospecting has dis. vember are published in Saturday's Gazette. closed the presence of lead in great abundance at There were 5 deaths among the British and fora place called Shaungt'an on the confines of the eigh community and 437 among the Chinese: Lê-hui and Hui'tung districts, and mining The death-rate per 1,000 was for the British and operations have been started there.

conspicuous by their absence. In the afternoon H. F. paid a visit to the partner in the old established and well known firm

that owing to pressure of business he would not of his genial manners and his hearty support of which are kept in sterling, so that there is the most of the most of the passage money flags were also half-masted during the day as a would be no object in stating their salarus to the north of the found that instead of as I thought a south do not deal with his certificate, which is there. for himself and his saite from Hongkong tribute of respect to his memory. The funeral amounted to about \$3 000. of this Colony is believed a Civen under our hands at Hongkong this 16th Countries the number of persons ap west current. About 12 o'clock we got a Civen under our hands at Hongkong this 16th Cometory, Wong-nei-chong. There was Chang Chih-tung accompanied by Sheng Taotai a large number of residents present as mourners, (Chefoo), and a great number of other native H. E. the Governor being represented by his officials, paid a long visit to the great Chinese Private Secretary, Mr. F. H. May. The funeral Garden on the Yangtzepoo Road. The distin- service was performed by the Rev. W. Jennings, guished visitors were shown over the garden. Colonial Chaplain. with which they were immensely struck, and On Thursday evening, the 12th inst., Worshipful the Viceroy expressed his opinion that it was Bro. James Stephen was installed as R. Wor. the finest garden he had ever seen. He took Master of St. John's Lodge, S. C. The coremony the liveliest interest in the zoological house, was performed by Right Wor. Bro. C. P. Chater, and asked may questions about the animals. District Grand Master of Hongkong and South Mr. Frame, the lion tamer, gave him a lot of in- | China, who was attended by Wor. Bro. Mallory, formation as to their habits, etc., and afterwards D.G.S.W., Wor. Bro. Duggan, D.G.J.W., and entered the lions and tigers' cages and put them | the other District Grand officers. The occasion through their tricks. When the Vicercy saw the drew together one of the largest gatherings of monarchs of the forest skipping through fiery Masous that we believe has been seen at a prihoops at the bidding of the lion tamer, he was per- vate lodge meeting in Hongkong for many feetly aghast with astonishment, and holding up years past. Having been duly placed in the his hands, chuckled with delight and cried out "Hi chair with the customary charges the newyah! hiyah !"while the sport lasted. He marvelled ly installed master invested his officers as much at the nerve of the "barbarian" who could follows: -- I. P.M., Wor. Bro. J. Mitchell: thus fearlessly deal with savage animals, and we S.M., Wor. Bro. J. W. Croker; S.W.

of the "foreign devils" was raised more than by horn; Treasurer, Bro. E. H. Summers; Sec. anything he saw or heard since he left Canton. Bro. F. Howell; Organist, Bro. F. W. Hall mechanism, the looms, carding, cleaning ma- songs. chines, etc., were minutely explained to his Excellency by Mr. Danforth. The Viceroy seemed greatly interested in the machinery, and warmly wished the company success. A hand-loom was set working, that he might-better understand the modus operandi, and he watched its work very closely. After seeing the sights. His Excellency and the rest of the company partock of a Chinese banquet which the Company had prepared on the premises.

His Excellency, with his suite, left Shangha on the 13th inst. by the steamer Kiungkwan for Hankow. His embarkation took place the presteamer the soldiers, who had been sent from the caused what was very nearly a fatal accident. A carriage containing the wife and mother of Mr. Liang Tung Yon (Interpreter and Transstor to the Viceroy) was standing alongside the afternoon of the 8th instant, by orders of the wharf, and startled at the loud volley the Pun Yu and Nam Hoi Magistrates. headlong into the river between the pontoon and the wharf. The carriage floated upright for a few moments, and the two ladies inside opened the windows and roared lustily for help which fortunately was at hand, as a great number of sampans were plying about the place at the time. A couple of sampanmen vulobed alongside the vehicle, and very clever ly managed to turn the handle of the door, and

in exchange or increased cost of living. The Nyighou just had time to get on deck before the ship make vessel of 1,252 tons register. She had a struck, and that was not a very a case outside his jurisdiction and there must mission on the question of efficial salaries was next spring. They will only run three atcomers selary may not be too much, but other crew of seventeen all told. I left Singapore on dark night, but was rather gloomy. Orders be some allegation of make before judg- laid on the table. The Appropriation Bill 1890 to begin with, one of them, the Feiching, being officers who have been fifteen and twenty the lat November about 8 p.m. bound for Hong- were given to cut away the rigging, and the supplementary Appropriation Bill 1888 already familiar to the northern waters. years, in the Bervice may not unreasonably kong with a full cargo of timber. The wind masts fell over on the starboard side. The boats His Lordship—You rely on the want of any were passed. Mr. W. H. F. Darby, an old resident bere, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Mr. R. Rinkel, has lately paid a visit to Tien. arrival, who has suffered nothing by the fall east of Palawan and had fine weather and light during the night. The pumps were sounded, Mr. Stokes—Yes, your lordship.

in exchange, should receive compensation westerly winds till we got to Cape Padaran, but I do not know with what result. We left this Lordship—I will grant you a rule nist.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of authorities and others. It is understood that the City Hall was held on the 11th inst. Mr. Rinkel has been strongly encouraged to open for that fall, while they, who have suffered. We then not the N.E. monsoon strong. We the ship the next morning. I let with the cap - introduced a suffered by the ship on the full tack and stretched tain in the long boat. The whale boat was His Lordship accoded to the request and ap- Woodyear's Circum continues to draw good houses, a branch of the Bank in Tientsin next apring. are to wait for the problematical approval across the China Sea for the coast of Luson. in charge of the chief mate and left be- pointed the 6th January, 1890, as the date upon mightly r Gunner Thompson, R.A., the second victim of the late gan coefdent, died on the 11th

inst. The "Military Mummers" gave performances at the Theatre Royal on the 12th and The Courier translates the following from the 14th inst. A meeting of the Hongkong

The mortality returns for the month of Noforeign community 7.3, and for the Chinese po-

The return of the Collector of Stamp Revenue for the month of November last, as published The new Vicercy of the Hu-kwang received in Saturday's Gazette, shows a total of \$18,675.79 lished. The Commission finds that a real community. If there is a community. If there is a community worked up the Luzon coast until They attended in full official dress at 11 a.m. month of last year, showing an increase over the ment in the style of living in the Uteny it I projected a course and found it would take me the 24th November in lat 17.43 N. and long and after some delay they were ushored into the latter of \$2,740.74. The chief items showing would be unreasonable to refuse to the no farther from the Protos reci than three 11958 E., having got the north-east monsoon, the reception room, His Excellency rising to great increase were adhesive stamps, amounting to miles. From the own observations and the sail- ship was headed across the China sea for Hong. them, and they were provided with seats at a ing directions. I decided that my only safe kong, but that on the evening of the 25th at table at which the Viceroy sat, the German . Dr. J. G. Kerr, of Canton Hospital, and Dr. course was to steer W. until, I got not to the Ise- about 8.10 p.m. she struck on the Pratas Shoal Consul-General taking the left-hand side. The E. P. Thwing, professor of Mental Dispases in

conservation which followed was not by any N. J. Medical College, U.S.A., had an interiew We accordingly steered west. Just about sun- It appears from the evidence of the master, means a lively one, His Excellency's manner be- on the 13th inst. with the officers of the Tung down I sent a man slott and told him to wait who is the only competent witness before the ing one of frigid politoness, and was confined to Wa Hospital with reference to the Insane Hos-

Bank afterwards called upon the Viceroy, and of the late gun accident, died late on Wednesday

morning of the 11th inst. Mr. Darby, who was a Public Gardens and was shown over the Conser- of Gibb, Livingston & Co., was an old resident, took place at 4 n.m. on the 12th inst. at the Pro-

believethat after the performance, his estimation | Bro. J. M. Laing; J.W., Bro. J. King. The party afterwards proceeded to the Chinese S.D., Bro. J. Dickie; J.D., Bro. J. C. Swan-Cotton Cloth Company's fine premises close by, ston; Dir. of Cer., Bro. J. D. Logan; I.G., where the were received by some of the Directors | Bro. G. Lesbirel; Tyler, Bro. J. Maxwell. After and by Mr. D. A. Danforth, the manager. The the Lodge was closed the brethren sat down machinery is all now in position, and every- to a cold collation, when the usual loyal and Mathing nearly ready for commencing work. One sould toasts were proposed and a number of the of the great engines had steam up, and the members and guests favoured the company with

# CHINA.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

11th December. The construction of the bund on the river will be recommenced next month. I hat portion completed during Chang Chih-tung's admiristration was only 100 cheung in length, and it is to be extended to the East Battery on the east. vious evening and many high native officials and to Ching Yuen Street wharf on the west. were present. When H. E. was going on board the The new work will be undertaken by the contractor for the first section already completed, Mr. Tsang Fat-ki, who by the way was on the eve of the ex-Viceroy's departure decorated with a button of the fifth rank and a blue feather. Eleven eriminals underwent decapitation or

## SHANGHAI.

Says the N. C. Daily News :- The Peking has aken some grussome cargo to the south this rip. Among her freight are fifty-eight coffins with corpses, and thirty-one large cases, each of which contains four small boxes of skeletons and

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United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco. For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Arency of the Company, No. 50A, Quean's Road Central. C. D. HARMAN. Agent. Hongkong, 25th November, 1889.

FOR NEW YORK. THE 3/3 L. 1. 1. American Ship "WANDERING JEW" will load here for the above l'ort, and will have anick despatch.

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPAN THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER. LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCIBCO. THE U.S. MailSteamer "CITY OF RIO

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day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required. destined to points beyond San Francisco note on the cover, Sent to ----, or Received C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. FOR NEW YORK. HE 3/3 L. 1. 1. American Ship "GOVERNOE GOODWIN,"

shortly expected here, will load for the above For Freight, apply to Hongkong, 22nd October, 1889.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG. HE 3'3 L. I. I. Norwegian Bark Hegge, Master, shortly expected from Shang-

hai will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch. For Freight or Passage, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Houghong, 9th November, 1889. WALL NOTICES OF FIRMS:

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SHARE AND GENERAL BROKERS, AND COM-APCAR BROTHERS. Hongkong, 28th October, 1889. NOTICE.

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MAILS RYPECTED.

THE INDIAN WAIL The Indo-China steamer Morey, with male from Calcutta, left Singapore at daylight on the

10th, and is now due. THE PRUNCH MAIL. The M. M. steamer Iraquaddy, with the next French mail, leaves Singapore at 9 a.m. on the 14th, and may be expected here on or about the

22nd instant. THE CANADIAN MAILS. The C. P. steamer Batavia, with Canadian mails, left Vancouver on the 29th ult, and is due here on or about the 27th inst. The C. P. steamer Abyssinia, with Canadian mails, left Vancouver on the 14th December, and

STEAMERS EXPECTED. The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Prometheus left Singapore on the morning of the 12th, and is due here on the 18th instant. The Shire Line steamer Merionethshire left

Singapore on the morning of the 12th, and is due here on the 19th instant. The Union Line steamer Euphrales left To other European points at proportionate The Union Line steamer Euphrates left rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers Singapore on the 12th, and is due here on or about the 19th inst.

The D. D. R. steamer Electra left Singapore at 1 p.m. on the 15th, and is due here on or about the 22nd inst. The Ben Line steamer Benalder left Singa. pore on the 16th, and is due here on the 28rd

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Telamon left Singapore on the afternoon of the 16th, and is due here on the 23rd inst.

1081-OFFICE NOTICES.

When Correspondence has been missent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to in the United States should be sent to the at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward in Company's Offices in Scaled Envelopes, addressed without any other writing whatever, to the to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. Postmaster-General. This should be acted on For further inform on as to Passage and the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a Freight, apply to the ency of the Company, mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

- A MAIL WILL CLOSE. For Amoy and Manila .- Per Sin Nanzing. to-day, the 18th inst., at 10.30 A.M. For Saigon.-Per Falkenburg, to-day, the 18th inst., at 4.30 P.M. For Shanghai.-Per Peking, to-day, the 8th inst., at 5.00 P:M. For Swatow, Amoy, and Foodhow.-Per

Namoa, to-day, the 18th inst., at 5.00 P.M. For Bangkok.—Per Taichow, to-day, the 18th inst., at 5.00 P.M. For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.-Per Verona, to-morrow, the 19th inst., at 5.00 P.M. For Straits and Bombay.—Per Khiva, on Friday, the 20th inst., at 11.30 A.M. For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne .- Per Chingtu, on Friday, the 20th

inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Straits and London -- Per Hongkong, en Saturday, the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M. For Singapore.—Per Aglaia, on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 9.30 A.M. For Yokohama and San Francisco - Per Oceanic, on Saturday, the 28th instant, at 0.30

-MATLS BY THE BRITISH PACKET. The British Contract Packet. Thames will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. The usual hours will be observed in closing

the Mails, &c. The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes. Coin, or Jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH --AND-FRENCH-MAILS. When the Packets leave at Noon. The following hours will be observed in closing the mails for Europe, &c. by the English and French Packets, when they leave at Noon. The

Money Order Office will be closed at 5 P.M. the 8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Cir. --- cular ceases.--(Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 4 o'clock if they are tied in bundles

ocuntry by country, with the addresses all one way.) 10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases. 10.30 A.M.-Posting of newspapers, books, and patterns ceases. 11.00 A.M.—Mail closes. LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 AM. No. 1, Queen's Road East. after which hour they may be sent on board

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